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FAMILY LIVING IN FEAR AT TORMENT

A FAMILY from Chadsmoor being tormented by their neighbours are living in fear of their son's safety after a brick thrown through their window landed just metres from him.

Matthew Hewitt and his partner Jade Marsh, both 21 and originally from Rugeley, have lived in their council-owned property in Rigby Drive with their year-old son for the last year.

By Sarah Hazelwood

Three months ago their ordeal began and Mr Hewitt claims his family have been at the brunt of threatening behaviour ever since.

He also claims those responsible have trespassed on to his property to disconnect their electricity and last month a brick was thrown through the window – the last straw for the couple who are now living with Miss Marsh's mother.

Having contacted the police and Cannock Chase District Council on several occasions, but to no avail, Mr Hewitt said they had nowhere else to turn.

Miss Marsh said she felt down by the authority.

"We are living in pure fear, I don't even know why this all started this because we have always kept ourselves to ourselves; this was our first proper home as a family and it has been a nightmare.

"We feel so let down that nothing is being done. I just can't put my son through any more of this."

Councillor George Adamson, Cannock Chase Council leader, said he was sorry the couple was disappointed with the support provided but would continue to work to address all anti-social behaviour across the district.

"We take all instances of anti-social behaviour very seriously and work closely with partners like the police to address it," he said.

"Support from the council's victim support ASB officer and a tenancy support officer have been available since Miss Walsh first reported anti-social behaviour to us in October.

"We reviewed CCTV coverage after her window was smashed but, unfortunately, it was inconclusive. We've arranged for CCTV cameras to closely monitor areas outside her home and we've also arranged for high trees and shrubs to be cut down to improve the view for the cameras."

A police spokesman said they took all reports of anti-social behaviour very seriously.

"Staffordshire Police are aware of these complaints and have been working closely with partners – including Cannock Chase Council – to resolve them.

"Our officers examined the CCTV footage immediately following the incident on 5 November but the images were unable to identify the person responsible.

"CCTV monitoring has continued and high-visibility police patrols have visited the area."

Butcher brothers a cut above

Brothers Andy and Steve Whitehouse, who have opened a meat supermarket in Walsall Road, Cannock

TWO BUTCHERS in Cannock who have opened a new meat market are hoping their venture brings home the bacon.

Brothers Andy and Steve Whitehouse, who run S & A Whitehouse Butchers in Burntwood, have expanded their business empire with a new large meat store – Whitehouse Brothers Meat Market – on Walsall Road, Cannock.

The pair have 55 years' experience in the trade between them and have taken on 16 staff at their new premises.

Andy believes it to be one of the biggest meat supermarkets in the country but said that the store's focus was on quality first and foremost.

"We're trying to serve the public, give them the right quality but keep it as a proper butchers at the same time," he said. "We want people to do their big supermarket shop then just come here for their meat."

With the current economic prospects across the country still looking gloomy, Andy admitted it was a brave thing to do to expand with a new store, which opened three weeks ago.

Gamble

But he said he believed the gamble would pay off.

"We've invested a lot of money into it but if we look after the punter and offer a good product at an affordable price then hopefully it will be a success.

"The quality is there so we hope the public will support us."

Hospital parking fees set to rise

CAR parking charges at Cannock Chase Hospital could be increased as health bosses look to save hundreds of thousands of pounds in the next three months.

Health chiefs need to claw back £200,000 each month up to the end of March, on top of £100,000 a month savings they are already making to meet financial targets. A review of catering and car park charges has been introduced as the health trust strives to stay within its permitted overspend of £18m.

Visitors currently pay £2 for up to four hours, £4 for between four and eight hours and £8 for eight to 24 hours parking at Cannock Chase or Stafford hospitals.

But they are facing rises – the first in five years – from early next year.

Trust finance director Darren Cattell said: "We need to save an additional £200,000 per month every month between now and March 2012 if we are to reach our financial target.

"That target is to spend no more than £18m more than our income.

"We have therefore reached the point where we need to introduce more measures to reduce spending more quickly, whilst making sure that we maintain safe patient care."

Shoppers: Text Santa

SHOPPERS in Cannock can raise some festive cheer by supporting a national charity appeal.

Visitors to the Asda Supermarket on Lichfield Road are asked to do their bit for national charities and children's hospitals by picking up a Text Santa Christmas hat for £1 each. Proceeds will go directly to the Text Santa appeal - which was launched to raise awareness and money for vulnerable people in the UK during the festive period.

MP Burley breaks his silence on Nazi row

SHAMED MP Aidan Burley has broken his silence over his Nazi stag-do row.

The Cannock Chase Conservative representative apologised for the "terrible offence" he caused and said the media had put his family through hell.

He told his constituents they "deserved better" from their local MP and issued an "unreserved, wholehearted and full apology."

Mr Burley, aged 32, who was sacked this week as a parliamentary private secretary (PPS) to Transport Secretary Justine Greening, is under investigation by Prime Minister David Cameron after photos emerged of him at the event in a French ski resort.

During the party, a guest donned a replica SS officer's uniform, but the MP would not directly address claims that he hired it.

Mr Burley said: "Being involved in a stag party where an SS uniform was worn was wrong and offensive.

"It was the wrong decision on my part, crass and insensitive.

"I am deeply sorry, and want to take this opportunity to offer the people of Cannock Chase an unreserved, wholehearted and full apology for the terrible offence this incident has undoubtedly caused."

Extra time to have say

THE DEADLINE for residents' views on plans to build 700 homes in Hednesford has been extended.

People are being given until Friday January 13 to comment on the Pye Green Road plans, which include a new school.

Plans are available to view on the council website or at the Civic Centre on Beecroft Road.

Councillor Graham Burnett said: "I am delighted with this news."

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Cancer battle for family

THREE generations of one family were all diagnosed with cancer in the same month.

William Raybould, of Cheslyn Hay, was just 21-months-old when he was diagnosed with leukaemia last November. Parents Nikki and James were told weeks earlier that William's grandmother Yvonne, from Aldridge, had breast cancer. And a week later, James himself was also diagnosed with skin cancer.

But all three members of the determined family are battling back and are looking forward to spending Christmas together. James, a 39-year-old transport supervisor, said: "We couldn't quite believe that three generations of us were being treated for cancer at the same time.

"We were really shocked when mum was told she had breast cancer. She'd had mouth cancer twice before and survived."

William lost his sight and use of his legs, but he can see again and is learning to walk once more. He has been given a Little Star award by Cancer Research

Nikki, who has a daughter Emma, aged 18 months, and a 10-year-old son George, said: "We're incredibly proud of our little boy."

Yvonne Raybould, aged 67, son James Raybould, 39, and his two-year-old son William Raybould

Residents still book in to use to town library

LIBRARY users in Cannock are bucking the county trend. Figures show over the last three years, library membership has fallen across Staffordshire but the rate has remained steady in Cannock at about 43,000.

The Cannock facility, in Manor Avenue, has also seen an increase in the number of new members during that same period while the rest of Staffordshire has seen a slight decrease.

Those using the library computers increased in 2009/10 and dropped in 2010/11 in Cannock. However user numbers remain steady at 87,000.

People borrowing books has fallen in Cannock – but at a much slower rate than across the rest of the county.

County councillor Pat Corfield, cabinet member for culture, communities and customers, welcomed the figures.

He said: "At a time when many local authorities up and down the country are threatening to close facilities, Staffordshire County Council will continue to invest in library services and provide the maximum benefit to the wider community from our investment.

Initiatives

"In 2009/10 Staffordshire was the 8th best English County for library visits per 1,000 of the population. Staffordshire's total visits fell by 1.4 per cent which is the same percentage fall across the whole of England.

"Where we appreciate there has been a fall in numbers, there has been an increase in the use of Wi-Fi and e-books," said Councillor Corfield.

"Annual initiatives like the Summer Reading Challenge for the school holidays are proving increasingly popular, and are fantastic for attracting the youngest members of our communities into the library.

Borrowing

"Summer 2011 saw almost 14,000 children take part through their local library, and it's encouraging that children's fiction book borrowing increased by 3.6 per cent from April to November this year.

"In Cannock District children's fiction borrowing also increased by 1.8 per cent during the same period."

Councillor Corfield added: "Staffordshire's libraries now offer so much to their communities – access to over one million books is just the starting point."

Abby's the belle of the ball

Prom Queen Abby Milligan, who attends Cheslyn Hay Sport & Community College

A LUCKY Cheslyn Hay teenager is to be belle of the ball.

Cheslyn Hay Sports and Community High School pupil Abby Milligan was selected as the winner of an in-store competition at the Fashion Factory, in Wyrley Brook Park, Bridgtown.

The 16-year-old will help launch the new 2012 prom dress collection and paid a visit to the store to choose which dress she will wear to her school prom next year.

"It was really hard to choose, I have never seen so many dresses in one shop," she said.

"I'm so happy to have won, it's been an amazing experience."

Abby also had a hair and make-up session before modelling several of her favourite dresses at a professional photo shoot.

Go that extra mile

RUNNERS are invited to take part in a charity event at Chasewater Country Park next year. The Sport Relief Mile takes place on Sunday, March 25.

The Chasewater event will set off at 11am, with additional routes of three and six miles open to participants. Around 350 people took part last year.

Registration is open on the day from 10am to 10.45am. Cost to enter is £3 for children, £6 for adults and £15 for a family.

Go to www.sportrelief.com and search for 'Chasewater', call 01543 370607 or email chasewater@lichfielddc.gov.uk

Blow for bus users as fares to go up

RAIL and bus passengers are facing a double whammy of fare increases.

Bus operator Arriva is increasing the majority of its prices with costs between set to rise more than 20 per cent, from £1.80 to £2.20.

Train fares will rise an average of 5.9 per cent. The rises will come into effect from January 3.

Arriva managing director Bob Hind blamed the bus fare rises on inflation while train bosses promised "new trains, faster services and better stations".

Michael Roberts, chief executive of the Association of Train Operating Companies, said: "The long-standing Government approach to sustaining rail investment is to cut the contribution from taxpayers and increase the share paid for by passengers."

Arriva boss Mr Hind said: "No-one likes to increase their prices especially at such a difficult time but, as everyone knows from their domestic bills, costs are steadily rising."

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson said: "That sounds like it's more than inflation."

Jean stars for charity

BUBBLY musical maestro Jean Martyn was the star of the show at a Cannock Chase charity's Christmas concert.

Chase Council for Voluntary Service organised the event at Avon Business and Leisure Centre and raised £700 for sensory loss support service Care and Share Group.

More than 150 people attended, with cakes and refreshments served. As well as the Britain's Got Talent finalist, other performers included Cannock Ex-Servicemen's Male Voice Choir and Branch Out Theatre.

Defender fined

WOLVES defender Christophe Berra was fined £115 by Cannock magistrates for speeding in his Range Rover on the A38, between Weeford and Bassetts Pole in April. Berra, of Lichfield Road, Sutton Coldfield, pleaded guilty and was also ordered to pay £60 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

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Wardens in drive on safety

TAXI wardens will be out on the streets of Cannock over the festive season to ensure revellers get home in one piece.

Wearing high visibility jackets, the trained and accredited wardens will be on hand to control queues for taxis at the High Green rank.

They will also all be linked by radio to Cannock Chase Council's CCTV operations and local officers from Staffordshire Police during their shifts between 11pm and 3am on December 23, 24, 26 and 31.

As part of the safety initiative the council has also urged party-goers to make sure they travel in licensed taxis and pre-booked private hire vehicles.

Deputy council leader Councillor Janos Toth said: "The dangers of getting into an unlicensed taxi cannot be underestimated. Using unlicensed vehicles puts you at risk and the consequences of using bogus operators can be unpleasant and potentially dangerous."

Mike Gilmore, of passenger transport solutions UK Ltd, said: "Our wardens are here to enhance the nighttime experience by offering a safe drive home to all the travelling public."

Scholarship for student

A PUPIL from a Hednesford school has been awarded a scholarship by the M6 Toll.

Daniel Statham will use the money to support him in his engineering degree as he pursues his dream of becoming a pilot.

He will be presented with the scholarship on January 4 at Kingsmead Technology College, where he was a pupil from 2004-2011 and completed his A-Levels this summe. Staff there said they were "very proud".

Head of sixth form Nick Pollock said: "Dan was an outstanding member of our school community."

Forklifts deal

A CANNOCK Wood timber fencing firm has taken delivery of a fleet of five new forklift trucks.

Amvar Handling Solutions, of Stourbridge,has recently delivered the trucks to Treeway Fencing Ltd.

The specialised fleet of handling equipment is being supplied on a five-year contract hire agreement.

Marketing officer Kate McBey, Margaret Heaton, Friends of Cannock Park, Councillor Janos Toth, Friends of Cannock Chase chairman Christine Salmon, Lisa Shephard, Community Wellbeing Arts Officer and Barry Jayes, Streetscene Team Leader

Project given full Respect

A PIONEERING project at Cannock Park has won a national accolade.

The Respect Project was given a special award for innovation by the Green Flag award scheme.

The project was launched in 2009 by Cannock Chase District Council, which commissioned a professional artist to work with young people and local residents to design an artwork marking the park's centenary.

The design representing many elements from the park's past was then mirrored on the wall of the Chase Leisure Centre. Led by the council's community well-being arts and communications and parks and open spaces team in partnership with the Friends of Cannock Park, the Chase Valley Community Learning Partnership and Staffordshire County Council, the project aimed to tackle issues around anti-social behaviour and address negative perceptions of young people.

It was also supported by the Cannock's neighbourhood policing team. Christine Salmon, chairman of Friends of Cannock Park, said: "The friends were pleased to work in partnership with Cannock Chase Council to acquire funding for the Respect Project."

Deputy council leader Councillor Janos Toth said: "This project has been a phenomenal success and I am extremely pleased that it has been recognised for a national award."

Educational resource – The Respect Toolkit – which aims to inform youngsters about personal safety, health and well-being – is due to be piloted next Easter.

Jobs boost as parcel firm is given permission to expand

A PARCEL delivery firm has been given the green light by councillors to create a new £15 million base in Cannock. The move will lead to 300 extra workers being taken on.

Planning permission has been granted for couriers APC Overnight's new home at Kingswood Lakeside. Cannock Chase council officers have approved the plans and the firm will now be able to go ahead with the building of a new 150,000sq ft headquarters.

The firm's 250 existing employees will then make the move from the firm's current Essington base, in Warstone Road, with 300 new staff being recruited to join them.

The granting of planning permission is the product of ongoing discussions between officers from Cannock Chase Council and the company over the last 18 months.

Gordon Alcott, the council's economic development and planning portfolio leader, said: "This decision marks a milestone in the working partnership between APC Overnight and the council in bringing the firm to a new base in our district.

"It is undoubtedly a boost for the area, with new jobs coming in, and we're hoping it will be a springboard for APC as well. We're committed to economic growth for Cannock Chase and council officers are working well to match the needs of companies to the opportunities we have for them to relocate and to benefit from the strong local workforce."

It comes as the firm announced pre-tax profits of £3.4million for the year – up from £2m last year – and a turnover of £58m.

Investment

Sales and marketing manager Steve Salt said business at the firm had grown to the point it had been forced to rent out a 40,000sq ft temporary storage warehouse in Cannock town centre to house extra stock over the Christmas season.

"We are keeping the jobs local and making a big investment in the area," he said.

APC, or Alternative Parcels Company Ltd, has more than 125 depots in the UK and has seen profits surge by 70 per cent, despite the challenging economic conditions. Work on the new site, should be completed by next October.

Quarry dog rescue

A PET owner and his dog were rescued from a quarry cliff face on Cannock Chase. The man had gone in search of his missing dog on Sunday (December 18).

They both got stuck on the cliff face some 40 metres high at Cannock Chase Quarry, off Chase Road, in Brocton.

A specialist rope rescue team was called to help lower the man and his dog to safety.

Crews were called to the scene at around 8.40am and left at around 10am.

James Knapton, aged 13, from Cheslyn Hay won gold in the WMKF world championships

Kickboxer on top of the world

A CHESLYN Hay teenager is on top of the world after being crowned a martial arts champion.

James Knapton took part in the World Martial Kombat Federation's championships in Sicily.

The 13-year-old, who won through to the quarter-finals in the points kickboxing category and the semis in the continuous kickboxing discipline, won the karate points section against a home contender.

Proud dad Carl said he had worked hard at a sport he was very dedicated to.

The pupil of the Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School has a string of titles behind him. He already fights for the Lee Matthews' squad, Team Venom, and has three national titles and a long line of second and third place prizes.

Carl said: "We had to request that he had four days off school but as a sports college, they are really supportive of him.

"We had a letter from the school's head to say they were pleased and proud of him and his achievements.

"Everyone is so proud of him. He trains about five days a week in Cannock and Telford, and also plays football. He also helps train the youngsters in Cannock with his own instructor Dave Gwilt."

NEWS in brief

Village pub is to undergo revamp

A GREAT Wyrley pub is to undergo a £300,000 makeover, creating 15 new jobs.

The Wheatsheaf, in Walsall Road, will be closed from January 9-27.

The transformation into a John Barras pub will create around five full-time jobs and 10 part-time positions.

Tenant Julie Daines has also been employed as general manager.

A recruitment day is planned on January 5 from noon.

Carols are heard at nursing home

STUDENTS and staff from Norton Canes High School spread some festive cheer at the nearby Heathers Nursing Home.

Led by headteacher Sara Birchill, they visited the home to sing Christmas carols.

Father Christmas even dished out some presents to the elderly residents.

A spokesman from the Burntwood Road school said: "Students, staff and residents had an enjoyable time singing carols and are looking forward to Christmas."

Help for brides at wedding fair

BRIDES-TO-BE can head to a wedding fair being held in Cannock early in the new year.

A host of exhibitors will be in attendance at the Roman Way Hotel, in Watling Street, on Sunday, January 8.

Admission is free and in-house wedding co-ordinators will be on hand to show people around the venue.

For more details call 01543 572121.

Camera club to welcome guest

FINE art photographer Tony Winfield will be the special guest for Lichfield Camera Club's next meeting.

His talk, entitled Digital Cameras, Digital Images and Basic Photographer Techniques, takes place on Monday January 9 at Longdon Village Hall.

Entry is £3 and the evening starts at 7pm.

Annual meeting

THE ANNUAL general meeting of Chase CAB takes place on Wednesday, January 18. It will be held at Pye Green community centre, in Bradbury Lane, Hednesford, from 2pm.

THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

OUR local carol service gets worse with every passing year. While we have come to accept all manner of strange carols from around the world, this is the first service I have attended where the carol sheet included Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer. For, lo, it is written: He'll go down in history.

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MAKES you proud to be British, doesn't it? I refer to the Yuletide fad for furry hats in the shape of lions, tigers, rabbits, frogs and so on. There are not many nations with the casual self-confidence to wander the streets looking like refugees from Regent's Park. You don't see chic Parisians sashaying down the Boulevard St Michel with a toad sur la tete .Come to think if it, the French never warmed to the shell suit, either. They miss so much.

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THIS time last year I suggested light-heartedly that 2011 would see the reappearance of the Deutschmark. It hasn't happened. But it is surprising how many websites are buzzing with rumours that Deutschmark Two is being printed.

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SNEEZY is a pantomime-season enigma. In 1937, Walt Disney named six of Snow White's Seven Dwarfs after the traditional male vices: Sleepy, Dopey, Grumpy and so on. So where does Sneezy fit in? I suspect (without an ounce of proof, it has to be said) that Sneezy is a 1930s euphemism for an altogether different bodily function. Discuss.

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RESEARCH shows that one of the most frequently asked questions on the internet in 2011 was: "What is scampi?" To which the answer is: "Whatever the restaurant thinks it can get away with." Curiously, that perennial Yuletide question does not even figure in this research, namely: "Is mulled wine alcoholic?"

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SHOCK, horror, drama. Prince Harry hears his best mate is being mugged. So HRH and his protection officer not only drive to the scene but go the nearest police station and report the offence. Medals all round. I wonder what the reaction of the cops was to Prince Harry and one of Special Branch's finest suddenly appearing at the station. Desk officers are past masters at persuading complainants that a stolen Blackberry is more of an insurance matter than a crime or, if pushed, logging it in the book as lost property. For princes and their minders, I dare say different rules apply.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Housing scheme set to be approved

A HOUSING development, supermarket and hotel earmarked for land near Penkridge were poised to be given the go-ahead this week – despite opposition from residents and parish councillors.

The scheme, for 150 homes at the Lyne Hill Industrial Estate, also include a nursing home and petrol station.

Planning chiefs at South Staffordshire Council were recommending approval of the scheme and were due to be decided by South Staffs regulatory committee on Tuesday night.

Officers chiefs say approval would include the provision of section 106 money to support the "vitality and viability" of the town centre.

Suggestions include improvements to car parks and a hop on bus service to link the development to the main village.

The 34.19 acres site, adjacent to Wolverhampton Road, would have three access points, one from Wolverhampton Road and two from Boscomoor Lane.

The plans by Northcreek Estates include a 45,000 sq ft supermarket, non-food retail of 30,000 sq ft, a six-pump petrol station, a 70 bedroom three-storey hotel, a two-storey 60 bedroom nursing home.

There have been 51 letters of objections and a petition signed by 500 people. Main objections relate to a negative impact on existing traders, wildlife concerns, overcrowding, a loss of trees and traffic safety concerns.

The council has received two comments of support.

Waste worker is fined for dumping rubbish

A WASTE worker has been fined for dumping rubbish on Cannock Chase after finding a tip closed. Joshua Bridge, 19, dumped several black bags full of paperwork, food wrappers and general office waste at Rifle Range Corner, Stafford magistrates court heard.

The court was told Bridge's bosses at Hednesford-based Crystal Cut Environmental Ltd asked him to take the rubbish to the council tip but he found it was closed. The court heard he was seen by forestry workers taking the bags from a works van and then dumping them.

Bridge, of Avon Road, Cannock, was traced through his company, which deals with the disposal of hazardous materials including asbestos.

Bosses helped council investigators throughout the inquiry and provided a statement as part of the prosecution for the May 16 incident.

Bridge pleaded guilty to the event at Stafford Magistrates saying it was an act of immaturity and stupidity.

He was fined £100, reduced from £150 due to an early guilty plea, and incurred costs of £250 with a victim surcharge of £15.

Councillor Janos Toth, deputy leader of the council and environment portfolio leader, said: "Flytipping is a reckless and thoughtless act which damages our environment and ruins other people's enjoyment of our surroundings."

Andy Coggins, recreation manager for the Forestry Commission at Birches Valley, said: "I hope that this conviction will send a message to anyone else thinking of dumping litter that it simply isn't worth it. Cannock Chase is one of the most beautiful areas in England and we want to keep it that way for all people who visit to enjoy."

Description

Councillor Toth appealed for people to report flytipping to the council.

A £100 reward is available for information that leads to a successful prosecution.

Residents who see someone tipping rubbish are asked to make a note of the time and date, location, description of waste tipped, vehicle registration number and, if possible, a description of the flytippers themselves.

These details can then be passed on to Cannock Chase Council as soon as possible on 01543 462621 or via the council website.

Philippa's a sharp shooter

Chase Academy pupil Philippa Taylor, aged 15, from Bloxwich has just won the the under-16 category of the Joint national indoor archery championships

A SHARP shooting schoolgirl is on target for international success after scooping a national archery award.

Philippa Taylor, aged 15, won the under-16 category at the National Indoor Archery Championships.

A pupil at Chase Academy in Cannock, Philippa shoots five to six times per week, amounting to around 1,200 arrows and the Bloxwich schoolgirl is now amongst the best in her field.

Dad Ian said: "She is part of the 2016 Rio Olympic development squad at archery GB."

Philippa has been offered an archery scholarship at Chase Academy and she now holds 36 county records and 23 Staffordshire Archer's club records.

Christmas praise

A BURNTWOOD church has announced a series of events taking place over Christmas.

St John's Community Church, in High Street, will be hosting a carol service at 7am tomorrow (Friday) which will involve members of the town council and a brass ensemble.

On Christmas Eve, at 4.30pm, the church will host an hour of music and carols, and a children's nativity, followed at 11pm by the annual Christmas Eve Communion.

Holy communion is at 9am on Christmas Day, with a Christmas Praise for youngsters at 10.30am.

For more information call 01543 304611.

Anne's a joker in the pack

Joker Anne Franks

A WITTY Cannock resident is having the last laugh after her cracker of a Christmas joke was crowned the winner of a festive competition.

Anne Franks received the title of the country's funniest joke writer after entering Longford House Beefeater Grill's national search.

Her joke – 'What do you get if you cross a cake with a hi-fi?' A gateau blaster – will now appear in a special set of limited edition crackers.

Anne, who also won a yuletide celebration for her family and friends, said: "I'm absolutely thrilled, I never expected to win. We're all looking forward to visiting Longford House to celebrate my victory."

Beefeater Grill spokesman Amanda Barnett said: "We hope this selection of jokes keeps our guests smiling throughout Christmas."

New look at cricket club

A CRICKET club has unveiled its new look following a five-figure facelift.

Hammerwich Cricket Club, in Burntwood Road, has a new £21,000 entrance.

Most of the funding was given by Lichfield District Council from a fund paid by developers.

The authority provided £16,334 with the club finding the rest.

The facelift includes a concrete drive, disabled parking bay and improvements to the car park.

Club chairman Dave Henn said: "We're thrilled with the new entrance.

Rambers off on a 10-mile stroll

THE Walsall group of the Ramblers will head to Colwich near Rugeley next Tuesday, December 27.

The 10 mile walk will take in the Staffordshire countryside.

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Start of talks on spa jobs

ONE-to-one consultations have started between staff and bosses at a luxury hotel and health spa near Lichfield where almost a quarter of staff face losing their jobs.

Talks with union representatives at Hoar Cross Hall have taken place over the last 30 days. Ninety jobs are to go with the merger of two businesses at the £50m stately home and interviews with 400 people have begun.

The five-star hotel and adjoining Eden Day Spa are currently run as two separate companies, but are set to merge.

Walsall-born owner Steve Joynes called in the AAC Consultancy Group earlier this year to look at how the business could cut costs.

Consultant Anna Foster, from ACC, said: "The first of the individual one-to-one talks have just started.

"Anyone at risk of losing their job or being moved to a slightly different role will be interviewed. We expect almost everybody to be involved in the discussions.

"Those not interviewed will receive a letter to say that at the moment, their job is not at risk but that this could change."

None of the facilities are expected to be lost at the Grade II-listed hall.

Trust's plea on cull plan

STAFFORDSHIRE Wildlife Trust says it is disappointed about the Government's decision to cull badgers in a bid to eradicate bovine TB.

The conservation charity is calling on the Government to avoid wasting more time and money on a badger cull.

Head of conservation Sue Lawley, said: "A badger cull is the wrong tool to address this serious and complex problem.

"The rationale for any cull of native species needs to be extremely clear and well proven."

Plant to shut

RUGELEY'S recycling plant will be closed for two months from January 11 for a £200,000 revamp.

The working area of the Station Road site will be increased. The site will be closed until March 9. Residents will be able to use recycling centres at Cannock, Burntwood, Lichfield and Stafford.

Dad hatches bid to launch children's centre

A FATHER who undertook a 6,000-mile mission to rescue his abducted son from Thailand has unveiled plans to create a children's activity centre in Cannock.

Sean Felton wants to plough money raised at the centre into his charity Abducted Angels, which helps other families in his situation.

He is to hold talks with Cannock Chase District Council in a bid to take over the offices of the former Chase Post newspaper, based inside Cannock Shopping Centre, which shut down last month.

Mr Felton, aged 40, from Norton Canes, set up the charity to help raise funds for parents all over the world to be reunited with their children.

Resources

He said: "I want to create a play centre in Cannock, a Wacky Warehouse-type place, with qualified staff where parents can take their kids and drop them off." Mr Felton said the centre would give the charity a "regular cash flow" to help provide parents with the resources they need, and private investigators, to try to get reunited with their children.

So far, he has around £5,000 earmarked for the scheme and he is trying to arrange a meeting with council chiefs to talk about funding options.

"It's the perfect location, right in the town centre," he added.

"I've got £5,000 in the bank at the minute and I want to look at Government funding, because it's a children's charity. We are hoping the local council could match it."

In 2010, Sean travelled to a remote village in Thailand to track down his then three-year-old son Jobe who had disappeared.

His wife Kim had fled Britain with Jobe. Mr Felton, who had met his wife five years earlier while on holiday in Thailand, headed out there and found his son in a remote village before returning home.

Sean Felton and son Jobe

Strictly star Lulu joins in service station singalong

IT WAS Strictly a low-key carol concert to bring a festive feel to a service station near Cannock – until the stars of television's most popular dance programme showed up.

Celebrities from the BBC favourite Strictly Come Dancing were en route to the final at Blackpool at the weekend and made what was supposed to be a brief pit stop at the Norton Canes services on the M6 Toll.

But when pint-sized performer Lulu heard singer Vie Watson belting out some seasonal songs she took the mic alongside the part-time teacher.

Heart-throb – and eventual winner Harry Judd – joined the crowds to watch the impromptu duet along with fellow contestants Robbie Savage, Audley Harrison, Russell Grant and Edwina Currie.

Mother-of-two Mrs Watson said seasoned entertainer Lulu asked her permission to share centre stage for a rousing rendition of Silent Night. The star then told fans: "She's such a good singer, I couldn't resist."

The 42-year-old had been asked to appear at the services by husband and site director Peter.

"He wanted to make sure there was a lovely Christmas atmosphere," said Mrs Watson, of Sedgley. "I saw the group in the distance and recognised them. I wondered what they were doing here but I had a job to do and I carried on singing.

"Lulu came out of the crowd and asked if she would be able to sing Silent Night with me – I told her I was honoured to have been asked.

Dabble

"She was incredible and the atmosphere was electric."

She added: "The Strictly stars made a great audience – the loudest cheers came from them, they were wonderful."

Since Friday's duet three videos of the performance have been posted on sharing site YouTube and Mrs Watson, who sings in the choir at Calvary Church in Kingswinford every week, is hoping to cash in on her new-found fame.

"I had a little dabble in the world of celebrity before when I sang at a couple of footballers' weddings, including Luke Moore's, as well as the Last Night of the Proms when it came to Birmingham," she said.

Vie Watson with Lulu after their performance at Norton Canes Roadchef

Strictly winner Harry Judd

Ale – at 1992 prices

PUBGOERS can enjoy a January sale with a difference – at The Linford Arms in Cannock.

From January 3 to 11, manager Andy Newman is serving a pint of real ale at 1992 prices at the pub in High Green.

Greene King Ruddles Best Bitter will be available at £1.29, Carlsberg for £1.99, a bottle of Beck's at £1.29 and a cup of coffee for 79p.

Andy said: "I'm sure my customers will welcome the reduction in prices, especially at the start of the year."

Tyres are slashed in vandalism spree

VANDALS went on the rampage slashing the tyres of scores of cars in a quiet Heath Hayes street.

Residents of Hobby Way woke on Sunday morning (December 18) to find their cars had been targeted while yobs had thrown eggs at some houses.

More cars were attacked the following night, leaving some people unable to get to school or work on Monday.

Joe Castro, aged 39, who had two of his cars, a Vauxhall and a Citroen, targeted, said his whole family had been frightened by the attacks.

He said: "I'm a lorry driver but haven't been able to get to work.

"My family are really upset about it. We just don't know what they will do next. It is really unnerving and upsetting and also annoying," he added.

"We are now all going to have to get new tyres for our cars because of it, and so close to Christmas."

Neighbour Lesley McCafferty said on the Sunday morning they saw at least 10 cars had their tyres slashed, and houses covered in eggs.

Mindless

"We never have any trouble in our street and a week before Christmas quite a few families will be out of pocket because of their mindless act," she said.

The father of one of the victims, David Chatterton, criticised the police for only sending a community support officer and not having a greater presence in the area.

He said: "We have had eight tyres slashed on our cars and the whole street has been targeted."

Stockwell Tyre Services of Norton Canes, has offered to replace the tyres for £20 each as a gesture of goodwill.

A police spokesman insisted the crime was being investigated.

Anyone with information should contact Staffordshire Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

NEWS in brief

Two-year freeze on council tax

CANNOCK Chase Council's leader has stressed that homeowners across the district will not to pay an increase on their council tax for another two years.

Councillor George Adamson has also pledged no cuts will be made during the initial budget.

He has urged everyone to have their say on the proposed budget, which proposes a council tax freeze for 2012/13, before a finalised budget is presented to the full council for approval on February 15 next year.

Appeal made on unwanted goods

PEOPLE are encouraged to consider donating their unwanted furniture during their pre-Christmas clear outs.

Both hard and soft furniture can be taken to special containers at Cannock recycling centre to be reused.

Staffordshire-based charities The Furniture Mine and Home Comforts collect furniture from the containers and refurbish it. It is then passed on to the disadvantaged people such as the disabled or those on a limited income.

Antiques expert at valuation day

ANTIQUES expert Charles Hanson will be heading a valuation day at The Staffordshire Regiment Museum, based at Whittington Barracks, near Lichfield on January 9.

The event takes place between 10am and 4pm.

He said: "We hope to unearth interesting items."

Call 01283 733 988 or visit www.hansonsauctioneers.co.uk for more

MP in town visit for talks on NHS

SHADOW work and pensions minister Ian Austin visited Rugeley to talk about the planned shake-up of the NHS.

The Dudley North Labour MP joined residents outside The Co-Op in Queensway to invite shoppers to sign a petition against the proposal.

Later, he visited the Hardie Avenue area.

Donate blood

BLOOD donors can roll up their sleeves at Lea Hall Social Club, in Sandy Lane, Rugeley, on Wednesday, December 28, from 1.30 to 3.30pm and from 4.30 to 7.30pm. To book, call 0300 123 23 23.

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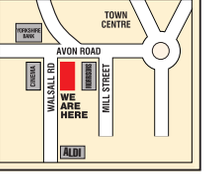

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Santas go on the run for festive fun

Best feet forward – a line-up of Santas ready for the Newlife dash at Cannock

SANTAS went on the run as they turned out in force to give local charities a boost in Cannock.

The Newlife charity staged its second annual Santa Dash with more than 60 people tackling the one-mile course.

The dash set out from Chase Leisure Centre, took in Cannock Park and finished at South Staffordshire College with entrants having the option of running, walking or being pushed in wheelchairs. Newlife held a jewellery sale near the finishing line with profits from the event going towards children's community projects in the Cannock area.

Meanwhile around 70 people dressed up as Father Christmas for the annual Santa Fun Run in Lichfield.

Paul Griffin, of organisers KP Events, was pleased with the big turn out for the mile-long circuit of Stowe Pool.

Hospital redundancies

HOSPITAL bosses are looking for voluntary redundancies in back-office staff following the closure of wards in Cannock and Stafford.

The job losses will affect staff in areas such as administration, human resources, finance and other non-clinical departments.

The move is part of a bigger plan by Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust to cut staffing levels by 10 per cent before April 2012.

Trust boss Lyn Hill-Tout said no front-line jobs would go. Ward 11 at Stafford Hospital has closed its 21 beds while Cannock Chase Hospital's 18-bed Hollybank ward will merge with the 20-bed Fairoak ward in January.

The new unit will have 28 beds, 10 fewer than current provision, for neurological, rheumatology and orthopaedic conditions.

"A reduction of beds means a reduction of staffing but there will be no compulsory redundancies as a result of the two wards closing," she said.

"There will be absolutely no jobs lost in clinical areas but we are moving towards voluntary redundancy in the back-office functions."

She said Hollybank could be shut because the medical team had reduced the length of time patients remained in hospital after admission.

The trust, which runs both Cannock and Stafford sites, said the ward changes would mean they could "use resources in a more focused way".

Ward 11, which treated gastroenterology patients, and the Hollybank ward could be reopened if the hospitals become stretched.

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Darlaston FC pictured in 1920

Winger Wharton at book launch

Terry Wharton and author Neil Chambers at the launch of the Darlaston FC history book

A WOLVES legend helped an author launch a history book on a West Midlands football club.

Neil Chambers, from Norton Canes, has written a 220-page book entitled The History of Darlaston Town Football Club and held a signing session at Cannock Library, in Manor Avenue, joined by the club's former player/manager Terry Wharton.

Winger Wharton, now aged 69, was better known for his Molineux days, where he played from 1957-68. He was player/manager at Darlaston between 1976 and 1977. He said he was delighted to join Mr Chambers, aged 55, for the book signing.

Cracking

"Neil asked me to come over and I said I'd be delighted – it's a cracking book."

The right winger scored 98 goals from 347 appearances in the Football League.

After leaving Wolves he played for Bolton, Crystal Palace and Walsall as well as having a spell in South Africa.

Despite writing a book on Darlaston, Mr Chambers is a keen Aston Villa supporter.

However he has followed the team since the 1960s, holding several posts including chairman, secretary and programme editor.

He said: "When I was programme editor I found out the club had produced an FA Cup winning captain – Jack Burkitt of Nottingham Forest in 1959. It inspired me to get my teeth into researching the club's history."

Town full of caring people

AS WE approach Christmas I cannot help but think of the troubled world we live in but I know that Burntwood is a great place to live and full of caring people.

At this time of celebration and for some, over-indulgence, let us think about those whose loved ones are far away and involved in conflicts. Let us hope that those people can share some peace and love at Christmas.

Let us think about the poor, the sick, the unemployed and the lonely and try to make sure they have some cheer over Christmas.

In 2012 let us try to make sure that the promises of two health centres, proper retail and leisure development are realised.

Together we can do it for Burntwood. On behalf of all councillors and officers of Burntwood Town Council, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COUNCILLOR ERIC DRINKWATER
Chairman
Burntwood Town Council

Badger cull won't reduce bovine TB

SADLY I am not surprised by the decision of the coalition Government that badgers are to be slaughtered in the misguided belief that this will reduce the incidents of bovine TB in cattle.

This Government is committed to appeasing the farmers and the powerful NFU at any cost, despite the warnings from the most eminent scientists, including Lord Krebs, Professor John Bourne and the rest of the scientists who made up the Independent Scientific Group on Cattle TB 1998-2007 that shooting free running badgers, a method which has not been trialled, will probably make the situation worse – and at best might achieve a reduction of just 15 per cent in new outbreaks over nine years.

Lord Krebs even cautioned that if you can only reduce a problem by 15 per cent you do not focus on that, you try to reduce the remaining 85 per cent.

In fact, the proposed pilot cull will not be used to try to reduce TB in cattle, nor will cattle TB numbers in the proposed areas be monitored. The two pilots are simply to see if marksmen can actually shoot badgers at night, and how accurate they are. The slaughtered badgers will not even be post-mortemed to see if they even had the disease – in other words the badgers are to be used as target practice.

The Government held a consultation on badger culling which closed in December last year, but refused to disclose the results. The numbers were hidden in the next consultation document issued in September, which stated that 70 per cent of the 67,000 people who responded were against badger culling.

Aidan Burley MP informed me that he supports and welcomes the slaughter of one of our best-loved mammals when I exchanged views with him. I was able to counter all his arguments but he was unable to counter mine, and I suggested he should have the good grace to concede and withdraw his support of such a flawed policy.

However he is not a person to be swayed by facts and incredibly his last sentence in the latest letter he sent to me stated: "In the event that Defra's package of measures, taken together, results in a worsening of Bovine TB, I will be the first to stand up and demand a more effective policy".

That will be a bit late for the farmers who are going to see the incidents of TB increasing and also far too late for the thousands of healthy badgers, which will have been shot.

In the last scientific trial of killing badgers, less than 10 per cent actually had the disease, so of the 10,670 badgers killed between 1998 and 2007 more than 9,000 did not even have TB.

MRS SANDRA DUDLEY
(Staffordshire Badger Conservation Group)
Pasture Gate
Shoal Hill
Cannock

'Sorry' is too small a word

DECEMBER 2011 at the Le Fondue restaurant in the ski resort of Val Thorens, our MP Aidan Burley and 12 of his friends were filmed during their meal, some of whom chanted "Hitler, Hitler", one toasted the Third Reich and another taunted a waiter for being French.

Mr Burley at no time distanced himself from their deplorable behaviour. and stayed with the group then at the point of leaving was filmed paying their bill.

A French spokesman said: "Anti-semitic and pro-Nazi crimes are taken extremely seriously in France. Anyone suspected of breaking the law in this respect can and will be prosecuted."

If this was a younger or less educated group we could pass it off as over-exuberance, but not our MP.

Now is the time for Cannock Chase to distance itself from Aidan Burley.

His 'sorry' is too small word.

HELEN OF HEDNESFORD

Toilet role could be taken on by our MP

A DEAL to bring public toilets to Cannock town centre could – and I quote – "take some years to come to fruition" and quotations for a superloo are estimated at an installation fee of £12,000 and annual maintenance of £19,000.

Surely there is a business out there in Cannock that can offer the shoppers its toilets from tomorrow and rather than spend the maintenance on a new, never-to-be-built superloo give the money to the business for the upkeep of the toilets and save ourselves £12,000.

We will even be creating another position of employment for some one to maintain the toilets and I hear a certain Mr Burley may be looking for a new role (or should that be loo roll) in the not too distant future.

DAVID COOPER
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Above reproach

I FEEL the need to write about yet another MP whose job may be on the line, ie Aidan Burley (Cannock Chase).

It's about time these people who seek power realised that along with the recognition and excellent remuneration they receive, comes an obligation to be seen to be above reproach and even squeaky clean. It's not particularly what happened that bothers me, it's that some people responsible for running this country don't seem able to see this kind of thing coming.

ANTHONY MUSTIN
Stafford

A Christmas poem

MOM why do you say you're sick of Christmas every time I ask?
Folk say it's time for rejoicing but to you it seems a task.
If it's because of presents don't blame it all on me
You asked me months ago what I want, now it's wait and see.
Dad says I don't know I'm born with all my things to do
And that I should be thankful for a Mom and Dad like you.
Don't you realise I love you and thank God you care,
But you take some understanding and at times create despair.
Christmas day is over you sit and reminisce
And say the times at Christmas were all happiness and bliss.
To me they sounded smashing, the family atmosphere,
Pulling crackers, playing games, fireside picture cheers.
So who's made it such a worry, a tail and a task
And made us children unsettled so that all we do is ask?
Think of Mom and Dad you guide us, and show us what to do
So really some of my little problems fall right back at you.
Just like Christmas story I started as a child
A simple helpless baby so gentle, meek and mild.
Adults paved my way, altered Christmas life
Changed it from a happy time, to worry and a strife.
I only want to be contented and be grateful for what you give
Because as you say it's not what you have
It's just the way you live.

AER REG (B.E.M)

Reconsider call on pedestrianising plan

ON behalf of the Lichfield Branch of Arthritis Care we are asking for the proposals for the pedestrianisation of Lichfield city centre to be reconsidered.

Generally, people with arthritis are ignored when many of them have severe mobility and access problems.

For those able to drive, the disabled parking spaces situated as they are now are essential and are used by people attending our meetings at St Mary's Social Centre. To move them to the peripheral car parks would be prohibitive.

THE LICHFIELD BRANCH OF ARTHRITIS CARE COMMITTEE

MP's shame over 'Nazi' antics

IT WAS with deep regret and anger that I read of the Nazi taunts at the party of so-called British patriots in your paper and the support given to the local MP who was involved and took part in the incident by George Mycock, vice-chairman of the Ex-Serviceman's club in Cannock.

Having served for five years myself from 1952 of which 30 months was spent in Egypt during the Suez crisis when General Neguib and then Nasser got rid of King Farouk, my father – having been a regular soldier prior to and during WW2, managing to escape from Dunkirk and then served for over three years in the Burma campaign – would be just as angry as I.

And many more ex-servicemen must be fuming at this behaviour. Both Aidan Burley and Gordon Mycock should resign as they do not represent the good citizens of Cannock and only bring shame on the area and themselves in supporting such behaviour.

I just cannot believe that these people could insult the French people with this kind of so-called comedy, breaking French law and insulting those millions of innocent people especially the children tortured and massacred by the Nazis in that world conflict.

Shame on you Aidan Burley and shame on you too George Mycock. Do the right thing now and resign your positions.

A SUEZ VETERAN

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Travel firm staff face axe as shop set to close

A TRAVEL agents in Cannock is among seven across the West Midlands to be closed by tour operator Thomas Cook. Going Places staff will discover their fate in March.

The closures are on top of 75 sites set to close following the merger with Co-Op Travel.

The five staff at Going Places in Market Hall Street, were last Wednesday (December 14) given the news that they would be facing closure following a 90 day consultation – meaning staff will find out their fate in March.

A Thomas Cook store at The Forum in Cannock is not affected. However, the Co-Op Travel shops in Lichfield has been added to the closure list.

Staff at the Bakers Lane business were informed last Wednesday afternoon. Six staff work at the store and a 90 day consultation is also in place.

The Thomas Cook store on Bore Street will not be affected.

A company spokesman said the lease was due to expire on the Bakers Lane store, which was one of the reasons it is being looked at.

The closures came as Thomas Cook announced plans to shed more than 600 jobs over the next two years as part of a bid to save its UK business.

The company posted a pre-tax loss of £398m for the year to September 30.

Thomas Cook UK chief executive officer Ian Ailles, said: "We've undertaken a comprehensive review of our retail network and these proposals will ensure that as the UK's leading high street travel retailer we have the right stores in the right places for our customers.

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"We will now be consulting with those affected colleagues and looking at the redeployment opportunities," he added.

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Card sharp pupils

L to r: Tyler John, Jodie Jones and Luke Sennett. Middle, L-R: Sophie Hodson and Kaci-Leigh Fisher and front, Kelis Cope

YOUNGSTERS at a Rugeley school spread some festive cheer as part of an international Christmas project.

Pupils in years one, two and four at Churchfield School, Sandy Lane, created cards to send to children in other countries. They are involved in a swap project with children in the likes of Slovenia, America, Canada, Australia, Taiwan, Poland and Belarus.

Teacher Ruth Adamson said: "This has also been part of our work towards becoming an international school."

Donors can give blood

BLOOD donors can roll up their sleeves in Burntwood next week. NHS Blood and Transplant will be at the Memorial Institute in Rugeley Road on Friday, December 30, and is appealing for volunteers.

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Landywood residents plough through the snow heading for Cheslyn Hay

Landywood Lane blocked off in January 1947

German Prisoners of War clearing the Cannock to Wolverhampton Road at Wedges Mills

Power restricted in the bleak midwinter of 1947

WITH the approach of Christmas, memories are recalled of the bad winters of the past.

MEMORY LANE

by Trevor McFarlane

The one of 1963 was bitter and lasted for several weeks, but the worst and most prolonged spell of wintry weather throughout the 20th century was, without doubt, in 1947 which still lingers long in the memories of everyone who lived through it.

It started on January 21 and heavy snowdrifts blocked off many roads and railways bringing traffic and trains to a standstill.

Constant snowstorms and icy conditions forced the government to restrict power consumption and television services were suspended.

Vegetables were frozen in the ground and even potatoes were rationed.

The Cannock Chase area was badly affected with snowdrifts of up to 20ft recorded.

However, schools remained open despite the conditions and the headmaster's entry, dated February 5, in the log book of Cheslyn Hay's Pinfold Lane Primary School, reads: "The lavatories are in a disgusting state.

Worsened

"They cannot be flushed as they are frozen solid. I have warned the children to make sure they pay a visit to their own lavatories at home and to avoid those at school as much as possible."

As conditions worsened, school dinners could not be delivered, attendances fell to less than half and inevitably the Pinfold Lane School was closed on Monday, February 10 only for it to be reopened on the Thursday morning.

Lack of fuel was also becoming a problem as a vast number of railways and roads were blocked and canals were frozen and the stockpiled coal at the depots were frozen solid and could not be moved.

The German POWs were transported in to the local areas from Penkridge moving snow to keep the roads clear.

A task which they set about with great gusto and much appreciated by the locals.

Eventually, by mid March, the weather was improving and as the snow thawed leaving the problems of flooding throughout the country and many people with memories and stories that would remain with them for the remainder of their lives.

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CANNOCK WI

AT the November meeting the President welcomed three new guests and wished the month's birthday ladies a very happy day.

The annual lunch was at Mason's, in Stafford Road, Newtown, on December 15.

Demonstrator Kathleen Whitehouse and her helper then began their flower arrangements. The Christmas-themed arrangements were beau-tiful, but the banter between the two was hilarious.

The arrangements were then given as raffle prizes for the members.

The December meeting, the annual festive dinner, began with the singing of Happy Birthday to Stella Arblaster for that day and to other members during December.

The Ex-servicemen performed for an hour at the buffet meal, singing popular and Christmas melodies with the ladies joining in. Del Johnson gave a vote of thanks to everyone. Ellen Allcock won the best-wrapped present.

The Cookery Group is on Monday January 23 and the panto visit to Birmingham the following day.

The year ended on a very sad note when the group lost a dear member Anne Brookes. Love and condolences go to her daughter Susan.

January's meeting is on Thursday 12 with a speaker from St Giles Hospice. The Competition will be an old jug.

Pitmen fans sign Real Man pledge

I to r: Soroptimists Lakhwinder Thompson, Jackie Woolnough and Ann Rotchell

CANNOCK SOROPTIMISTS

SATURDAY, December 3 saw many followers of Hednesford Town FC acknowledge that they are 'Real Men.

Soroptimists, together with Pathway and Arch were at the match against Ashford Utd to promote the Real Man Campaign.

Both teams wore purple ribbons with the I'm a Real Man logo, while the majority of spectators signed the pledge, which says that real men do not hit, abuse or control the ones they love. Everyone who signed wore a sticker saying 'I'm a Real man'.

The pledge sheets have been sent on to Women's Aid which will present them to Parliament to show the level of support from men for this issue.

Hednesford Town FC has also put the information on twitter so people can sign the pledge online at **www.realmancampaign/signthepledge**

Craft sale raises £115

HEDNESFORD A TOWNSWOMEN

THE meeting on Monday, December 12, was the annual Christmas party and was very well attended.

The committee worked really hard to make the tables look festive and set out an appetising buffet.

The rich Christmas cake was made by Jan Bore which had a boozy aroma when sliced. Raffle prizes were donated by the generous members, including a hamper made up of items given by the committee.

The entertainment was provided by the TWG South Staffordshire Federation Choir. The next outing will be to Shugborough and Boundary Mill. There is also a trip to the Grand Theatre in February to see Sister Act.

A total of £115 was raised at the craft sale and coffee morning on December 3 and the money will go into the Guild's charity fund.

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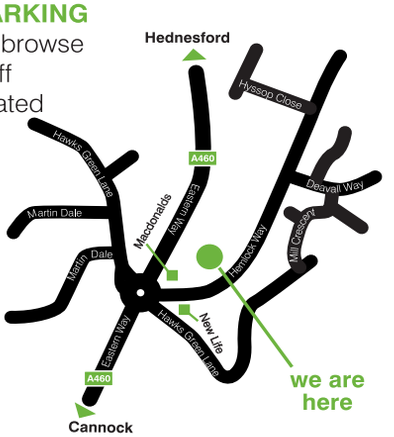

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NEWS in brief

Library handed book on Hoard

AN acclaimed new book about the discovery of the Staffordshire Hoard – all the way from America – has been presented to Tamworth Library.

Councillor Lee Bates donated the National Geographic book Lost Gold of the Dark Ages, bought on a recent trip to the USA. Tamworth is the ancient capital of Mercia.

The Hoard was discovered in Hammerwich in July 2009.

Dogs are looking for festive home

A RUGELEY pair are looking to rehome five dogs over the festive period.

Ruth Dewis and Pauline Roberts are looking to rehome the pets which range from male and female Staffies and a two-yearold female German Shepherd.

All the dogs, despite having a range of needs and tempers, are seeking a loving and energetic home.

Call Ruth on 07900 090993 or Pauline on 07971 817877.

Police officers go online to highlight challenges

POLICE in Staffordshire have gone online to give the public a feel of the challenges they face over the festive period. Safer Night Live went online on Friday (December 16).

Beamed via websites and Facebook, it was aimed at showing the behaviour that officers deal with in the clubs and on the streets at this time of year.

Some of the updates were published on the force's Twitter accounts so people out on the town can feed in comments about their experience while out enjoying the festivities.

Chief Superintendent Jon Drake said: "At this time of year, the town centre nightlife venues are busy with Christmas parties and celebrations which mean there is a significant increase in the number of people enjoying themselves, many whom will be unfamiliar with what happens in the town centres in the early hours.

"We have extra officers on foot patrol in town centres across the county to help tackle those who choose to get involved in disorderly behaviour."

Disorder

Operation Safer Nights is an ongoing campaign to reduce the risk of violence, anti-social behaviour and public disorder at popular nightspots in town and city centres.

Extra officers in high-visibility jackets patrol the streets and work with local landlords to ensure trouble is kept to a minimum.

Family-run firm raises cash for Heroes

Sam and Roger Benton with a cheque for Help For Heroes

A FAMILY-run Cannock company has helped to raise more than £1,600 for charity.

RB Windows, in Walsall Road, Bridgtown, organised a Help For Heroes fun weekend. The charitable firm then donated hundreds of children's toys to Kerrang! radio station for its 'Cash for Kids Christmas Appeal'.

The established firm, which has been running for 28 years, is now asking members of the public to get involved by buying an extra gift and donating it to the Kerrang! appeal.

Company Director Roger Benton said: "We felt a duty as a longstanding company of 28 years to put back into our community.

"My staff and I are very proud to be associated with two such worthy causes. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported us in our Help for Heroes fundraising weekend."

Valuables go under hammer

RARE antiques and valuables were unearthed at a 16th century Lichfield cottage.

Discoveries from the traditional black and white timbered cottage included unusual furniture and timeless artefacts, which will now be sold by Richard Winterton Auctioneers.

Most of the furniture picked up dated from the 18th century, among them a mahogany chest-on-chest, a Queen Anne design walnut bureau and some earlier oak and country furniture.

The sale of all the items will take place in two parts at the Lichfield Auction Centre, with part one focusing on the furniture, silver and jewellery.

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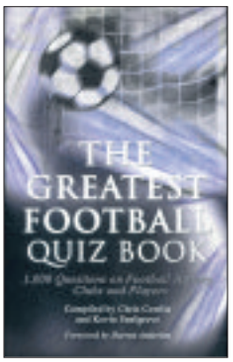
Those Were The Games, available at £18.99, looks back at those historic, headline-defining clashes. And it isn't just the Saddlers' memorable cup triumph over the Gunners that features.

In fact, the book opens with Wolves 1 Sunderland 0 from November 1903. The significance? It was Alf Common's last game as a Sunderland player before a transfer to neighbours Middlesbrough that saw him become the first £1,000 player. Villa's 7-5 defeat at Newcastle in 1928 – a game played in blizzard conditions – and the 4-2 win over Manchester City in 1932, which saw the Villans record their record 128th goal in a season, also feature.

Other games – and the stories behind them – include the Matthews Final of 1953 and will have the football aficionado gripped for hours.

Column inches are afforded to the first televised match in 1937, the Mighty Magyars' shock win at Wembley, Tottenham winning the double, the England v West Germany World Cup final, Hereford's giant-killing over Newcastle, Nottingham Forest's European triumph and the Crazy Gang lifting the cup.



The answer for quiz buffs

HE was the answer to the question: "Which former England player was nicknamed 'Sicknote'?"

Now Darren Anderton has put his given his seal of approval to The Greatest Football Quiz Book.

Compiled by Chris Cowlin and Kevin Snelgrove, the former Wolves and Blues winger writes the foreword to the book, which features 1,000 questions on the history of the game, on clubs and on players.

"This book is an excellent way to check up on all those important facts and figures from recent football history. There really is something for everyone," Anderton writes.

Featured categories include the first ever Premier League season, FA Cup winners and players' nicknames. There is even a section on Anderton himself.

There are questions dedicated to Wolves, Blues, Villa and Albion. For example, do you know how many games Derek Parkin played for wolves? Or what was Fred Morris the first Albion player to do in 1919/20?

Like all quiz books, this can keep fans occupied for hours and is the perfect way to test your knowledge of your favourite topic or club.

As Anderton himself puts it: "Whether you are just starting out on your football journey or are a lifelong supporter of the beautiful game, all football fans should own a copy of this book."

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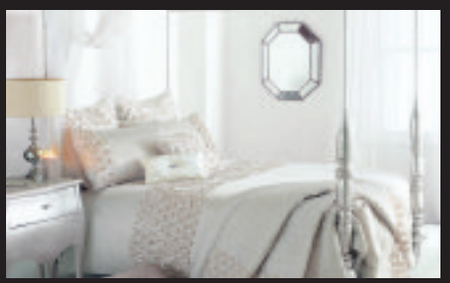

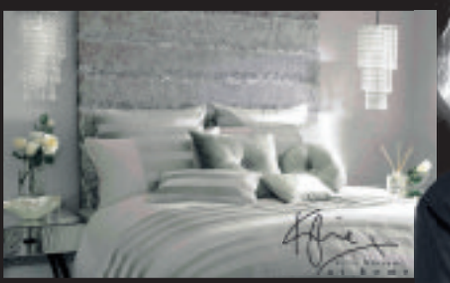

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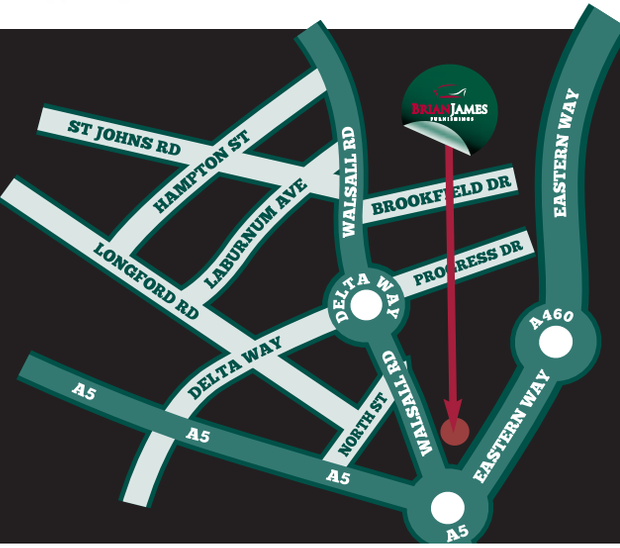

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Christmas Eve

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Nativity. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.15** Nigel Slater's Simple Christmas. (R) **12.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.30** Keeping Up Appearances. (R) **1.30** Film: The Santa Clause 2. (2002) Disney comedy adventure sequel, starring Tim Allen. **3.05** Film: G-Force. (2009) Premiere. Children's adventure, starring Bill Nighy. **4.30** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **4.50** Winter Wipeout Christmas Special. **5.50** Film: The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. (2005) Fantasy adventure, starring Tilda Swinton.

8.00 Merlin. Part two of two. Camelot has fallen to Morgana, leaving Arthur a broken man, and Merlin realises only an extraordinary act will restore his master's faith. Last in the series.
8.45 EastEnders. Masood and Zainab try to stop Yusef's plan.
9.20 Outnumbered. The Brockmans plan to escape the festivities to spend Christmas in the sun – but Grandad ends up in hospital, Karen gets toothache and Ben develops a fascination with knives.
10.00 Lapland. Festive comedy drama, starring Sue Johnston.
11.15 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws.
11.25 BBC News; Weather.
11.45 Midnight Mass from St George's Cathedral Southwark. Led by Archbishop Peter Smith; National Lottery Update.

12.55 Film: At First Sight. (1999) Romantic drama, starring Val Kilmer and Mira Sorvino. **2.55** Weatherview. **3.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.50** Film: Jump In! (2007) Drama, starring Corbin Bleu. **10.10** Film: Bicentennial Man. (1999) Sci-fi drama, with Robin Williams. **12.10** Film: Homeward Bound II: Lost in San Francisco. (1996) Animal adventure sequel, with the voice of Michael J Fox. **1.35** Pappano's Essential Tosca. **2.35** Tosca from the Royal Opera House. **4.45** Christmas University Challenge. **5.15** Dad's Army. (R) **5.45** Carols from King's.

7.00 The John Craven Years. Documentary charting the TV presenter's career, which has spanned 40 years. Featuring interviews with Jon Culshaw, Noel Edmonds and Martin Bell.
8.00 Morecambe and Wise. Memorable moments from the comedy duo's Christmas shows. (R)
9.00 The Many Faces of Les Dawson. Profile of the Manchester-born comedian.
10.00 The Best of Les Dawson. Tribute to the comedian. (R)
10.25 Top of the Pops 2: Christmas Special. (R)
11.55 Blackadder Rides Again. (R)

12.55 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **1.25** Film: Holiday in Handcuffs. (2007) Romantic comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart and Mario Lopez. **2.50** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.15** Film: Tom and Jerry: The Magic Ring. (2002) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Jeff Bennett. **9.25** Film: Santa Claus: The Movie. (1985) Family fantasy adventure, with Dudley Moore. **11.30** Coronation Street. **1.25** ITV News; Weather. **1.45** Film: The Polar Express. (2004) Animated adventure, with the voice of Tom Hanks. **3.35** Film: ET: The Extra-Terrestrial. (1982) Sci-fi fantasy, with Henry Thomas. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

6.00 You've Been Framed! Christmas Special. Festive foul-ups. (R)
6.30 The Cube Celebrity Special. With Coronation Street stars Ryan Thomas and Julie Hesmondhalgh.
7.30 Text Santa. Part two of two. The charity initiative concludes.
10.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Donny Osmond. The singer talks about his life and career.

11.00 ITV News; Weather.
11.15 Carols from Bucklebury.

12.15 Film: Connie and Carla. (2004) Two women flee after witnessing a murder and plan to lie low by posing as drag queens on the Los Angeles gay scene. Comedy, starring Toni Collette and Nia Vardalos; ITV News Headlines. **2.10** Film: Spartacus. (1960) Roman epic, with Kirk Douglas. **5.20** ITV Nightscreen.

Channel 4

7.15 Film: Garfield. (2004) Family comedy, with the voice of Bill Murray. **8.45** Olive, the Other Reindeer. (R) **9.40** Prep & Landing. (R) **10.10** Film: Charlotte's Web. (2006) Family drama, with the voice of Julia Roberts. **12.00** Film: The Muppet Christmas Carol. (1992) Comedy, with Michael Caine and Steven Mackintosh alongside the puppet characters. **1.40** Gordon's Christmas Cookalong – Get Ready. (R) **1.50** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On. (R) **2.55** Jamie's Christmas with Bells On. (R) **4.00** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

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7.00 Channel 4 News.
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7.15 FILM: Hairspray. (2007)
9.20 Home for the Holidays.
10.55 Bill Bailey: Dandelion Mind.
11.55 Father Ted Christmas Special. (R)

1.05 Music on 4: Inputoutput. (R) **1.15** Comedy Lab: Kabadasses. **1.45** Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows – T4 Movie Special. (R) **2.00** Cee Lo Takes the UK: Christmas with All the Goodies. (R) **2.10** Film: Ashes of Time Redux. (1994) Wong Kar-Wai's drama, starring Leslie Cheung. **3.45** Southland. **4.30** World War II: The Last Heroes. (R) **5.25** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.15** Chef Donald. (R) **10.20** ThunderCats. **10.55** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.25** Ice Road Truckers: Deadliest Roads. (R) **12.25** Charley Boorman's Extreme Frontiers. (R) **1.30** Cars Toons. **1.35** Film: Mrs Miracle. (2009) **3.25** Film: Meet the Santas. (2005) Fantasy comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg. **5.05** Film: Scrooge – A Christmas Carol. (1951) Charles Dickens' fantasy, starring Alastair Sim.

7.00 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery. Festive edition of the documentary series, in which the company's truckers battle winter conditions to ensure shops and councils receive their supply of Christmas trees and salt.
7.55 5 News Weekend.
8.00 The Gadget Show Christmas Eve Special. Suzi Perry investigates 4G communications, Jason Bradbury examines products due to hit the shops in 2012, and Jon Bentley views an advanced helmet designed for fighter-jet pilots.
9.00 Greatest Christmas TV Moments. Countdown of 50 Christmas TV crackers, featuring Gavin & Stacey, Morecambe and Wise, Only Fools and Horses, Wallace and Gromit, Doctor Who, Top of the Pops and The Royle Family.

12.00 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Beaches. **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
3.15 Aladdin **4.45** Jack and the Beanstalk **6.15** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **8.00** Film: Nanny McPhee (2005) **10.00** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special **11.00** Film: The Bourne Identity (2002)

ITV3
2.35 A Christmas Carol **4.05** Christmas Lights **5.30** The Darling Buds of May **6.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Agatha Christie's Marple **11.00** Film: Santa Claus: The Movie (1985)

ITV4
4.00 Film: The 'Burbs (1989) **6.00** Film: Dragnet (1987) **8.10** Film: Jaws: The Revenge (1987) **10.00** Film: Demolition Man (1993)

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D **8.00** Top Gear **9.20** Film: Son of Rambow (2008) **10.50** EastEnders **11.20** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 Timeshift: The Golden Age of Trams – A Streetcar Named Desire. A history of trams in Britain, exploring why they became popular in cities and towns at the start of the 20th century — and discovering why some areas have reintroduced them. **8.00** The Pharaoh Who Conquered the Sea **9.00** Film: Land of the Pharaohs (1955) **10.40** Timeshift: Epic – A Cast of Thousands! **11.40** The Doris Day Special

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3.35 Sorority Girls **4.40** Desperate Scousewives **5.40** Scrubs **6.35** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** The World's Greatest Prankster **11.05** Film: Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan (2006)

FILM4
3.25 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) **5.15** My Neighbour Totoro (1988) **7.00** The Spiderwick Chronicles (2008) **9.00** Star Trek (2009) **11.20** Bronson (2008)

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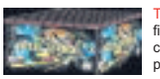

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Christmas Day

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Nativity. (R) **10.00** Christmas Day Eucharist from Lichfield Cathedral. **11.00** Songs of Praise – Christmas Day Big Sing. **11.40** Morecambe and Wise. (R) **12.25** BBC News; Weather. **12.35** Film: Kung Fu Panda. (2008) Animated comedy, with the voice of Jack Black. **2.00** Top of the Pops Christmas 2011. **3.00** The Queen. **3.10** Film: Monsters vs Aliens. (2009) Premiere. Animated sci-fi comedy, with the voice of Reese Witherspoon. **4.35** BBC News; Weather. **4.50** Film: Ratatouille. (2007) Premiere. Pixar animated comedy, with the voice of Patton Oswalt.

6.30 The Gruffalo's Child.
7.00 Doctor Who. The Time Lord helps a wartime widow and her children realise their dreams.
8.00 Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2011. With Barry McGuigan, Su Pollard, Simon Webbe, Debra Stephenson and Charlie Brooks.
9.00 EastEnders. Hour-long episode. Masood sets out to bring Kamil home, but Yusef has one more trick to play. Shirley is shocked to discover the identity of Phil's stalker.
10.00 Absolutely Fabulous.
10.30 Michael McIntyre's Christmas Comedy Roadshow.
11.30 BBC News; Weather.
11.45 On Christmas Night.
11.50 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. (R)

12.30 The Graham Norton Show Christmas Special. (R) **1.35** Film: The Hot Chick. (2002) Body-swap comedy, starring Rob Schneider. **3.10** Weatherview. **3.15** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.10** CBBC. **9.35** Film: The Magic Roundabout. (2005) Animated adventure, with the voice of Ian McKellen. **10.50** Film: The Sword in the Stone. (1963) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Ricky Sorenson. **12.10** Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. (R) **2.10** A Musical Nativity with John Rutter. **3.10** The Prince and the Composer.

(R) **4.40** Dad's Army. (R) **5.10** Porridge. (R) **5.50** The Queen. Her Majesty's annual address to the nation and the Commonwealth. (R)

6.00 Christmas University Challenge. The first semi-final of the festive quiz.
6.30 Darcey Bussell Dances Hollywood. The former Royal Ballet star celebrates classic dance musicals.
8.00 Blackadder the Third. The new prime minister plots to bankrupt the Prince Regent. (R)
8.30 Blackadder the Third. Edmund falls foul of Dr Johnson. (R)
9.00 The Toys That Made Christmas. A look back at playthings of the past.
10.30 James May's Man Lab Xmas Special. (R)
11.30 Victoria Wood with All the Trimmings. (R)

12.25 The Many Faces of Les Dawson. (R) **1.25** QI. (R) **1.55** Film: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt. (1956) **3.15** Close.

ITV1

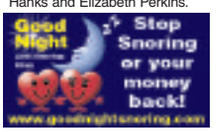
6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **7.45** Film: The Borrowers. (1997) Children's fantasy, starring John Goodman. **9.25** Film: March of the Penguins. (2005) Oscar-winning nature documentary, narrated by Morgan Freeman. **11.00** Film: Miracle on 34th Street. (1994) Christmas family drama remake, with Richard Attenborough. **1.05** ITV News; Weather. **1.15** Film: Aladdin. (1992) Disney animated adventure, with the voice of Robin Williams. **3.00** The Queen. **3.10** Film: Happy Feet. (2006) Animated adventure, with the voice of Elijah Wood. **5.10** ITV News; Weather. **5.30** New You've Been Framed!

6.00 Emmerdale. Hour-long episode. Amy makes a decision about Kyle's future.
7.00 All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special.
8.00 Coronation Street.
9.00 Downton Abbey. Violet has concerns about Rosamund's new suitor (guest star Nigel Havers).
11.05 ITV News; Weather.
11.20 Benidorm. (R)

12.35 The Comedy Annual. Comedians talk about the key moments of 2011. (R) **1.35** Film: The Towering Inferno. (1974) Disaster movie, starring Paul Newman and Steve McQueen; ITV News Headlines. **4.20** Kojak. (R) **5.15** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 Film: The Ugly Duckling and Me. (2006) Premiere. Animated comedy, with the voice of Morgan C Jones. **7.40** The Simpsons. (R) **8.00** The Simpsons. (R) **8.30** Film: James and the Giant Peach. (1996) Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry. **10.00** Gordon's Christmas Cookalong Live. **2.00** Ice Age: A Mammoth Christmas. **2.30** The Snowman. (R) **3.00** Celebrity Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.05** Channel 4 News. **4.10** 4thought.tv. **4.15** The Alternative Christmas Message. **4.20** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. **5.20** Film: Big. (1988) A boy is magically transported into the body of a 30-year-old man and applies his childlike brain to the problems of adult life. Comedy, starring Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins.



7.15 FILM: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs. (2009) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of John Leguizamo.
9.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special. With Ruth Jones, David Walliams, Jedward and Steps.
10.00 Rude Tube: Epic Christmas. Alex Zane presents the 50 greatest festive internet videos.
11.05 So This Is Christmas.

12.05 8 Out of 10 Cats Christmas Special. **1.05** American Football Live. **4.45** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Rally Driving. (R) **4.50** Post Modern Pastimes. (R) **5.00** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **5.25** Scrapheap Challenge. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.15** Fireman Sam Christmas Special. (R) **6.35** Castle Farm. **6.45** Igam Ogam. (R) **6.55** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.00** The Milkshake! Show. **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.35** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.45** Little Princess. (R) **8.05** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **8.10** Angelina Ballerina. **8.25** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.45** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.00** Film: Mist: The Tale of a Sheepdog Puppy. (2006) Live-action animal adventure, featuring the voice of Mel Giedroyc. **10.30** Trailer Horn. **10.35** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.55** Andre Rieu's Christmas Spectacular. **11.55** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.55** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.55** Cars – Unidentified Flying Mater. **2.00** Film: Mrs Miracle 2: Miracle in Manhattan. (2010) Family drama sequel, starring Doris Roberts. **3.45** Film: Mrs Santa Claus. (1996) Period musical, starring Angela Lansbury. **5.30** Film: The Santa Suit. (2010) Premiere. Comedy, starring Kevin Sorbo and Jodie Dowdall.

7.25 FILM: The Christmas Card. (2006) Romantic drama, starring John Newton and Alice Evans.
9.05 Eddie Stobart's Christmas Delivery. Festive edition of the documentary series. (R)
10.00 Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs. Festive music countdown.

1.00 SuperCasino. **3.55** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.05** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.30** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.00 The Xtra Factor: Louis' Best and Worst
4.00 The Xtra Factor: Tulisa's Best and Worst
5.00 The Xtra Factor: Kelly's Best and Worst
6.00 The Xtra Factor: Gary's Best and Worst
7.00 Film: Jack Frost (1998) **9.00** Film: The Bourne Supremacy (2004) **11.05** Celebrity Juice: Christmas Special

ITV3
3.20 Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) **5.20** Film: Carry On Cleo (1964) **7.10** Film: Carry On Camping (1969) **9.00** Film: Carry On Up the Jungle (1970) **10.55** Film: Carry On Jack (1963)

ITV4
2.25 Film: Night Passage (1957) **4.15** Film: Spartacus (1960) **8.00** Film: The Magnificent Seven Ride! (1972) **10.00** Film: Rocky (1976) Oscar-winning boxing drama, starring Sylvester Stallone.

BBC THREE
7.00 Great Movie Mistakes 2011: Not in 3D **8.00** Film: Armageddon (1998) **10.20** Russell Howard's Good News Extra **11.05** EastEnders

BBC FOUR
7.00 Film: El Cid (1961) **9.50** The Johnny Cash TV Show: Country Gold **10.50** Top of the Pops 1976: Christmas Day Special **11.40** Top of the Pops 1976 Christmas Special

E4
2.45 Film: Jingle All the Way (1996) **4.30** Film: Annie (1982) **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.55** Film: Independence Day (1996) **10.40** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** Tool Academy

FILM4
3.20 Miracle on 34th Street (1947) **5.10** Ponyo (2008) **7.15** The Ladykillers (1955). A criminal and his gang meet their match when an elderly landlady unknowingly thwarts their attempts to kill her. Ealing comedy, with Alec Guinness. **9.00** Juno (2007). Comedy, starring Ellen Page. **10.50** Watchmen (2009) Comic-book drama, starring Patrick Wilson.

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Monday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** CBBC. **9.10** The Gruffalo. (R) **9.35** The Gruffalo's Child. (R) **10.00** Film: The Jungle Book 2. (2003) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Haley Joel Osment. **11.10** Film: Beverly Hills Chihuahua. (2008) Premiere. Comedy, with the voice of Drew Barrymore. **12.35** BBC News; Weather. **12.45** Regional News; Weather. **12.55** Morecambe and Wise. (R) **2.00** Strictly Come Dancing Christmas Special 2011. (R) **3.00** Winter Wipeout Christmas Special. (R) **4.00** Film: Shrek 2. (2004) Animated adventure sequel, with the voice of Mike Myers. **5.25** BBC News; Weather. **5.35** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **5.40** Jim'll Fix It with Shane Richie. **6.10** Film: Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa. (2008) **7.30** The Borrowers. **9.00** EastEnders. **9.30** The Royal Bodyguard. **10.00** Mrs Brown's Boys Christmas Special. **10.30** BBC News; Weather. **10.45** Match of the Day. **12.15** Film: The Guardian. (2006) **2.35** Sign Zone: Holby City. (R) **3.35** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.55** Pixar: 25 Magic Moments. (R) **9.55** Film: Heidi. (2005) **11.30** Film: The Crimson Wing: Mystery of the Flamingos. (2008) **12.45** Film: Mansfield Park. (1999) **2.35** Film: Emma. (1996) **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Film: Becoming Jane. (2006) **7.00** Springwatch Christmas Special. **8.30** Christmas University Challenge. **9.00** Jane Austen: The Unseen Portrait? **10.00** Victoria Wood: Seen on TV. (R) **11.30** Ruth Jones' Christmas Cracker. (R) **12.10** QI. (R) **12.40** Grumpy Guide to Food. **1.10** Film: Cat People. (1942) **2.20** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** CITV: Supernormal. **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **6.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **6.35** Almost Naked Animals. **6.50** Almost Naked Animals. **7.05** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.20** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.35** Monk. (R) **7.40** Film: The Adventures of Pinocchio. (1996) **9.25** Best Ever Christmas Films. (R) **10.25** Goodnight Mister Tom. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** Film: Garfield: A Tale of Two Kitties. (2006) **2.00** 50 Greatest Harry Potter Moments. (R) **3.30** Film: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. (2002) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **6.20** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** Emmerdale. **7.00** The Unforgettable Ernie Wise. **8.00** Coronation Street. **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **11.00** ITV News; Weather. **11.15** Film: Gladiator. (2000) Oscar-winning Roman epic, starring Russell Crowe; ITV News Headlines. **2.05** Film: Vertigo. (1958) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.20** The Treacle People. (R) **6.30** Film: Benji the Hunted. (1987) Disney adventure, with Red Steagall. **8.00** The Bear. (R) **8.30** The Morning Line. **9.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **9.55** The Big Bang Theory. **10.25** The Simpsons. (R) **10.55** The Simpsons. (R) **11.25** Film: Bugsy Malone. (1976) **1.15** Channel 4 Racing. **3.40** The Simpsons. (R) **4.10** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. **5.10** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.45** Channel 4 News. **6.00** 4thought.tv. **6.05** Hollyoaks. **6.35** Come Dine with Me: Christmas Special. **7.05** Film: Home Alone. (1990) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **9.00** Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda. **10.00** Chris Moyles' Christmas Quiz Night. **10.50** Father Ted: Unintelligent Design. (R) **11.20** Small, Far Away – The World of Father Ted. (R) **12.25** Father Ted. (R) **12.55** Random Acts. **1.00** Film: The Godfather. (1972) **4.05** London's Burning. (R) **5.00** World War II: The Last Heroes. (R) **5.55** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats. **10.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.05** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.35** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.45** Film: The Producers. (2005) Musical comedy, starring Matthew Broderick. **3.10** Film: Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. (1954) Musical Western, starring Howard Keel. **5.10** Film: The Wizard of Oz. (1939) Musical fantasy, starring Judy Garland. **7.05** Britain's Favourite Christmas Songs. (R) **10.00** Film: Dirty Dancing. (1987) Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze. **12.05** Film: Fragile. (2005) **2.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.10** Grey's Anatomy. **4.55** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **8.05** Match of the Day. (R) **9.40** Film: The Road to El Dorado. (2000) **11.00** Film: Hotel for Dogs. (2009) **12.35** BBC News; Weather. **12.45** Regional News; Weather. **12.50** EastEnders. **2.50** Doctor Who. (R) **3.50** Film: Bedtime Stories. (2008) **5.20** BBC News; Weather. **5.30** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **5.35** Celebrity Mastermind. **6.05** Film: Shrek the Third. (2007) **7.30** EastEnders. **8.00** Holby City. **9.00** Great Expectations. **10.00** BBC News. **10.10** Regional News and Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.15** John Bishop's Britain Christmas Special. **10.45** Film: Tropic Thunder. (2008) **12.25** Film: The Heartbreak Kid. (2007) **2.15** Weatherview. **2.20** Sign Zone: Frozen Planet. (R) **3.20** Raymond Blanc's Christmas Feast. (R) **4.20** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **9.15** Film: Camp Rock. (2008) Romantic teen musical, starring Demi Lovato. **10.45** Madagascar. (R) **11.45** Yellowstone. (R) **12.45** Live Horse Racing. **3.05** Watching the Wild: Cornish Seals. (R) **3.15** Coast. (R) **4.15** Flog It! **5.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **6.30** Christmas University Challenge. **7.00** Hi-de-Hi! (R) **7.30** Dad's Army. (R) **8.00** You Have Been Watching – David Croft. **9.00** Three Men Go to New England. **10.00** Have I Got News for You. (R) **10.30** I've Never Seen Star Wars. **11.00** Mock the Week. (R) **11.30** The Toys That Made Christmas. (R) **1.00** The Grumpy Guide to Work. (R) **1.30** Film: I Walked with a Zombie. (1943) **2.35** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** CITV: Supernormal. **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **6.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **6.35** Almost Naked Animals. **6.50** Almost Naked Animals. **7.05** Film: The Prince and the Pauper. (1977) **9.25** Film: King Ralph. (1991) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** Regional News; Weather. **11.30** Film: From Time to Time. (2009) **1.20** Film: Cats & Dogs. (2001) **3.00** All Star Family Fortunes Christmas Special. (R) **4.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **4.30** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor. (2008) **6.30** Regional News; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** The Adventurer's Guide to Britain. **8.00** Susan Boyle: An Unlikely Superstar. (R) **9.00** Fast Freddie, the Widow and Me. **10.30** Film: King Kong. (2005) **11.30** ITV News; Weather. **11.45** Film: King Kong. (2005) **2.10** Premiership Rugby Union; ITV News Headlines. **3.05** Kojak. (R) **3.55** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.40** Sali Mali. (R) **6.45** The Treacle People. (R) **6.55** The Hoobs. (R) **7.20** Famous Fred. (R) **7.50** Little Wolf's Book of Badness. (R) **8.15** Perfect Couples. **8.40** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.10** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.40** Frasier. (R) **10.10** Frasier. (R) **10.40** The Big Bang Theory. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Film: Five Children and It. (2004) **2.15** Film: Penelope. (2006) **4.00** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. **8.00** Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011. **11.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special. (R) **12.10** Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hotty Hott Hot Show. **12.40** Random Acts. **12.45** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.40** Extreme Sailing Series. **2.05** Sailing. **2.35** Freesports on 4. (R) **3.00** Beach Volleyball. **4.00** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.25** World War II: The Last Heroes. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats. **10.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.05** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **11.20** World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers. (R) **12.25** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.25** Film: Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence. (1983) **3.25** Film: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. (2002) **4.10** Film: Twice Upon a Time. (1998) **5.50** Film: Little Women. (1994); 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Strongest Man 2011; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Carry On Christmas. (R) **10.05** The Greatest Ever Carry On Films. **11.05** Cor, Blimey! (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** Meals in Moments. (R)

Wednesday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** Film: Spy Kids 2: Island of Lost Dreams. (2002) **10.35** Film: High School Musical 2. (2007) **12.20** BBC News; Weather. **12.30** Regional News; Weather. **12.35** Only Fools and Horses. (R) **1.25** The Two Ronnies Christmas Sketchbook. (R) **2.30** Film: Shall We Dance? (2004) **4.05** Film: Bedknobs and Broomsticks. (1971) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.20** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind. **7.00** Frozen Planet Christmas Special. **8.00** Countryfile. **9.00** Great Expectations. **10.00** BBC News. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.20** The National Lottery Wednesday Night Draws. **10.30** Comic Relief 2011: What a Cracker; National Lottery Update. **12.00** Film: It's a Boy Girl Thing. (2006) **1.25** Weatherview. **1.30** Sign Zone: Great Expectations. (R) **2.30** Film: Nativity! (2009) **4.10** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **9.00** Film: The Country Bears. (2002) **10.25** Madagascar. (R) **11.25** Yellowstone. (R) **12.25** The Many Faces of Michael Caine. (R) **1.25** Film: The Man Who Would Be King. (1975) Period adventure, starring Sean Connery and Michael Caine. **3.30** Flog It! (R) **4.30** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.30** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **6.15** Porridge. (R) **7.00** Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's About That Then? **8.00** Top Gear. **9.30** Three Men Go to New England. **10.30** Dara O Briain: This Is the Show. **11.30** Sir Jimmy Savile: As It Happened. (R) **12.00** QI. (R) **12.30** Being Ronnie Corbett. (R) **1.30** Film: The Leopard Man. (1943) **2.35** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** CITV: Supernormal. **6.10** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **6.20** Horrid Henry. (R) **6.35** Almost Naked Animals. **6.50** Almost Naked Animals. **7.05** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.20** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.35** Film: K-9. (1989) **9.25** Countrywise at Christmas. (R) **10.25** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery. (1966) **12.05** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.05** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Regional News; Weather. **1.30** Grease: After They Were Famous. (R) **2.35** Midsomer Murders. (R) **4.30** Lewis. (R) **6.30** Regional News; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Countrywise Kitchen: New Year Festive Feasts. **8.00** Ad of the Year. **9.00** It'll Be Alright on the Night. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.15** Benidorm. (R) **11.20** The Jonathan Ross Show. (R) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** Film: Village of the Damned. (1995) **4.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.10** Treacle People Christmas Special. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** The Hoobs. (R) **7.20** Wilde Stories. (R) **7.50** Perfect Couples. **8.15** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.45** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.15** Frasier. (R) **9.45** The Big Bang Theory. **10.15** The Big Bang Theory. **10.45** The Simpsons. (R) **11.15** The Simpsons. (R) **11.45** Film: Firehouse Dog. (2007) **1.50** Film: Star Trek: First Contact. (1996) **4.00** Deal or No Deal: Deal Panto. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. **8.00** Big Fat Gypsy Christmas. (R) **9.00** Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2011. **11.05** Alan Carr: Chatty Man Christmas Special. (R) **12.10** Comedy Lab: Mr & Mrs Hotty Hott Hot Show. **12.40** Random Acts. **12.45** UK & Ireland Poker Tour. **1.40** Extreme Sailing Series. **2.05** Sailing. **2.35** Freesports on 4. (R) **3.00** Beach Volleyball. **4.00** KOTV Boxing Weekly. **4.25** World War II: The Last Heroes. (R) **5.20** Brothers & Sisters. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats. **10.35** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.05** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **11.20** World's Strongest Man 2011: Qualifiers. (R) **12.25** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.25** Film: Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence. (1983) **3.25** Film: I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus. (2002) **4.10** Film: Twice Upon a Time. (1998) **5.50** Film: Little Women. (1994); 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Strongest Man 2011; 5 News at 9. **9.00** Carry On Christmas. (R) **10.05** The Greatest Ever Carry On Films. **11.05** Cor, Blimey! (R) **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** Meals in Moments. (R)

Thursday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** CBBC. **9.10** Film: Spy Kids 3-D: Game Over. (2003) **10.25** Film: Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure. (2011) **11.55** Film: George of the Jungle. (1997) **1.20** BBC News; Weather. **1.35** Regional News; Weather. **1.40** Only Fools and Horses. (R) **2.35** The Two Ronnies Sketchbook. (R) **3.35** Film: Superman Returns. (2006) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.20** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind. **7.00** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death. (R) **7.30** EastEnders. **8.00** Earthflight. **9.00** Great Expectations. **10.00** BBC News. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.20** Absolutely Fabulous. (R) **10.50** Film: I Love You, Man. (2008) **12.30** Skiing Weatherview. **12.35** Sign Zone: James May's Man Lab Xmas Special. (R) **1.35** Great Expectations. (R) **2.35** Lapland. (R) **3.50** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.45** Film: Tarzan's Greatest Adventure. (1959) **10.05** Madagascar. (R) **11.05** Yellowstone. (R) **12.05** Film: The Ipcress File. (1965) **1.50** Film: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels. (1988) **3.35** Flog It! (R) **4.35** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.35** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **6.20** Film: Confessions of a Shopaholic. (2009) **8.00** Dragons' Den: The Final Devey Story. **9.00** QI. **9.30** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. **10.00** The Bleak Old Shop of Stuff. (R) **11.00** Have I Got 2010 for You. (R) **11.30** QI. (R) **12.00** I've Never Seen Star Wars. (R) **12.30** The John Craven Years. (R) **1.30** Film: The Body Snatcher. (1945) **2.50** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** CITV: Monk. **6.05** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **6.15** Horrid Henry. (R) **6.30** Almost Naked Animals. **6.45** Almost Naked Animals. **6.55** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.10** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.25** CITV: Share a Story Winner. **7.40** Film: New York Minute. (2004) **9.25** Countrywise Kitchen: Stocking the Winter Larder. (R) **9.55** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **10.55** Film: The Railway Children. (1970) **1.00** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Regional News; Weather. **1.30** Chitty Chitty Bang Bang: After They Were Famous. (R) **2.30** Agatha Christie's Marple. (R) **4.30** Inspector Morse. (R) **6.30** Regional News; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year. **8.00** Coronation Street. **9.00** Paddy's 2011 Show and Telly. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.15** Film: Notting Hill. (1999) **12.30** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.35** Film: Scarface. (1983) **5.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** Sali Mali. (R) **6.20** The Hoobs. (R) **6.45** The Hoobs. (R) **7.10** Wilde Stories. (R) **7.40** Perfect Couples. **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.05** Frasier. (R) **9.35** Frasier. (R) **10.05** The Big Bang Theory. **10.35** The Big Bang Theory. **11.05** The Simpsons. (R) **11.35** The Simpsons. (R) **12.05** Film: See Spot Run. (2001) Canine comedy, starring David Arquette. **1.55** Film: Never Been Kissed. (1999) Romantic comedy, with Drew Barrymore and Michael Vartan. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. **8.00** Living with the Amish. **9.00** Film: Dorian Gray. (2009) Premiere. Period horror, starring Ben Barnes. **11.10** Comic Strip Presents – The Hunt for Tony Blair. (R) **12.15** Random Acts. **12.20** Film: The Godfather: Part II. (1974) **3.50** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. (R) **4.45** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **5.35** Sali Mali. (R) **5.40** The Treacle People. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats. **10.35** Zoo Days. (R) **10.50** World's Strongest Man 2011 (R) **11.50** 5 News Lunchtime. **11.55** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **12.55** Film: Back to the Secret Garden. (2000) **2.55** Film: David Copperfield. (2000) Charles **6.20** The Witches of Oz; 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Strongest Man 2011; 5 News at 9. **9.00** The Mentalist. **10.00** It's All About Amy. **11.00** The Truth About Cheryl Cole. (R) **12.00** SuperCasino. **3.55** Meals in Moments. (R) **4.05** Wildlife SOS. (R)

Friday

BBC1 **6.00** Breakfast. **9.00** Film: The Cat in the Hat. (2003) **10.20** Film: Sky High. (2005) **11.55** Film: Paulie. (1998) **1.20** BBC News; Weather. **1.35** Regional News; Weather. **1.45** Only Fools and Horses. (R) **2.40** Only Fools and Horses. (R) **3.30** Film: National Treasure. (2004) **5.30** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave. (R) **6.00** BBC News; Weather. **6.20** Regional News Programmes; Weather. **6.30** Celebrity Mastermind. **7.00** The One Show: Best of 2011. **8.00** EastEnders. **8.30** Have I Got News for You. **9.00** New Tricks. (R) **10.00** BBC News. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.20** The Graham Norton Show. **11.05** John Bishop's Britain Christmas Special. (R) **11.50** The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. **11.55** Film: Cold Creek Manor. (2003) **1.50** Weatherview. **1.55** Sign Zone: Great Expectations. (R) **2.55** Fry's Planet Word. (R) **3.55** BBC News.

BBC2 **6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **9.00** Film: David Copperfield. (1935) **11.05** Film: The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby. (1947) **12.50** Film: A Tale of Two Cities. (1958) **2.45** Coast. (R) **3.45** Flog It! **4.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **5.45** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **6.30** The Good Life. (R) **7.00** As Time Goes By. (R) **8.00** The Many Faces of Dame Judi Dench. **9.00** Mrs Brown's Family Christmas. **10.00** QI XL. (R) **10.45** Film: Transsiberian. (2008) **12.25** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) **12.55** Grumpy Guide to Driving. (R) **1.25** Film: The Curse of the Cat People. (1944) **2.35** BBC News.

ITV1 **6.00** CITV: Monk. **6.05** SpongeBob SquarePants. (R) **6.15** Horrid Henry. (R) **6.30** Almost Naked Animals. **6.45** Almost Naked Animals. **7.00** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.15** Fleabag Monkeyface. **7.35** Film: Clockwise. (1986) **9.25** The Lakes at Christmas. (R) **9.55** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **10.55** Pollyanna. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Regional News; Weather. **1.30** Bugsy Malone: After They Were Famous. (R) **2.30** Agatha Christie's Poirot. (R) **4.30** Inspector Morse. (R) **6.30** Regional News; Weather. **6.45** ITV News; Weather. **7.00** Emmerdale. **7.30** Coronation Street. **8.00** That Was 2011: The ITV News Review of the Year. **8.30** You've Been Framed! (R) **9.00** A Royal Year to Remember. **10.00** ITV News at Ten; Weather. **10.10** Regional News; Weather. **10.15** Film: The Holiday. (2006) Romantic comedy, starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. **12.45** It'll Be Alright on the Night. (R) **1.45** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.30** Kojak. (R) **4.25** ITV Nightscreen. **5.55** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 **6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** Wilde Stories. (R) **7.10** Perfect Couples. **7.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.05** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.35** Frasier. (R) **9.05** Frasier. (R) **9.35** The Big Bang Theory. **10.05** The Big Bang Theory. **10.35** The Simpsons. (R) **11.10** The Simpsons. (R) **11.40** Film: Clueless. (1995) Teen comedy, starring Alicia Silverstone. **1.40** Film: Cutthroat Island. (1995) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Geena Davis. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. **5.00** Christmas Coach Trip. **5.30** Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **6.00** The Simpsons. (R) **6.30** Hollyoaks. **7.00** Channel 4 News. **7.25** 4thought.tv. **7.30** Come Dine with Me: Celebrity Christmas Special. **8.00** Bear's Wild Weekend with Miranda. (R) **9.00** Comedy Showcase: The Angelos Neil Epithemiou Show. **9.30** Lee Evans: Access All Arenas. (R) **10.35** An Evening with Lee Evans. **11.05** The World of Lee Evans. (R) **11.40** The World of Lee Evans. (R) **12.10** Random Acts. **12.15** Film: The Godfather: Part III. (1990) **3.15** Steve Jobs: iChanged the World. (R) **4.10** Brave New World with Stephen Hawking. (R)

Channel 5 **6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** ThunderCats. **10.35** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.50** Meerkat Manor. (R) **11.20** World's Strongest Man 2011. (R) **12.25** 5 News Lunchtime. **12.35** Ice Road Truckers. (R) **1.30** Film: Showdown at Abilene. (1956) **3.15** Film: Alice in Wonderland. (1999) **5.45** Film: Snow White. (2001) **7.30** Fifth Gear; 5 News Update. **8.00** World's Strongest Man 2011; 5 News Update. **9.00** Most Shocking Celebrity Moments of 2011. **12.00** SuperCasino. **4.05** Motorsport Mundial. **4.30** Fifth Gear. (R) **4.55** County Secrets. (R) **5.10** House Doctor. (R)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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Cryptic Clues:

Across

4. One way to welcome me coming back with two more (7)
8. See 13 Down
9. I'm only disturbed by a maintenance grant (7)
10. U.S.A.'s involved with an expensive resort in the West Indies (6)
11. One of those service addresses (6)
12. Touches electrical points (8)
18. An edict about the words of the play (8)
20. A box that slides back to reveal the prize (6)
21. The craft for a tailor (6)
22. See 19 Down
23. Make an attack on the price for a load (6)
24. State reorganised the French seaport on Elliott Bay (7)

Down

1. Nutritious food brings about a change in chaps (7)
2. Failing to see what's not there! (7)
3. Beds down among the rocks (6)
5. Medical officer gets the girls a sweet concoction (8)
6. An observation about a gospeller (6)
7. Lacks the ability to see a small number surrounded by hypocrisy (6)
13 &8Ac. The chief directions the high churchman indicates (8,6)
14. Those who pose as easy targets (7)
15. As far as athletic events are concerned, he's just a beginner (7)
16. Reduce the value of French military station (6)
17. It is piled on the floor (6)
19 & 22Ac. Presumably no wide-awake criminal is apprehended in this way (6,7)

Quick Clues:

Across

4. Emulation (7)
8. Responds to stimulus (6)
9. Frugal (7)
10. Alter (6)
11. Befoul (6)
12. Likely (8)
18. Get back (8)
20. Self-possession (6)
21. Gay (6)
22. Make good (7)
23. Stature (6)
24. Withdraw (7)

Down

1. Maxim (7)
2. Perfect model (7)
3. Brand (6)
5. Saucy (8)
6. Cut loose (6)
7. Fester (6)
13. Uncivilised (8)
14. Dizziness (7)
15. Under (7)
16. To each (6)
17. Door-keeper (6)
19. Alleviation (6)

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Mathematics; 9 See; 10 All at once; 11 Inapt; 13 Dallies; 14 Misery; 16 Hymnal; 18 Trainer; 19 Stern; 20 Syndicate; 21 Ass; 22 Progenitors. Down: 2 Aye; 3 Heart; 4 Malady; 5 Totally; 6 Consignee; 7 Astigmatism; 8 Beastliness; 12 Abstainer; 15 Rending; 17 Ordain; 19 Sheet; 21 Air. QUICK - Across: 1 Hard and fast; 9 Ill; 10 Seductive; 11 Entry; 13 Thinker; 14 Narrow; 16 Entomb; 18 Sadness; 19 Motto; 20 Elevation; 21 Foe; 22 Astronomers. Down: All; 3 Dusky; 4 Nudity; 5 Fiction; 6 Sticks out; 7 Hide and seek; 8 Heartbroken; 12 Tiredness; 15 Open air; 17 Assign; 19 Minim; 21 Far.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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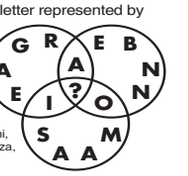
Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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Love, James and Mel, Matt and Carla, Joe and Michael.
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MP Burley sacked as aide after Nazi stag-do antics

CANNOCK Chase MP Aidan Burley has been sacked as a Commons aide by Prime Minister David Cameron after attending a stag party in France where guests dressed as Nazis.

The Tory representative was removed from his post as a parliamentary private secretary to Transport Secretary Justine Greening amid fresh allegations linking him to the behaviour.

A Sunday newspaper has reported that Mr Burley was aware of what was planned at the party as he had hired the replica SS officer uniform worn by his friend, Mark Fournier.

Mr Cameron launched an investigation into the conduct of the MP, who has refused to speak about the allegations until that probe is complete.

Mr Burley was expected to meet with senior party members this week to explain what happened.

Regret

A Tory party spokesman said: "Aidan Burley has behaved in a manner which is offensive and foolish. That is why he is being removed from his post as parliamentary private secretary at the Department for Transport."

Last week, Mr Burley expressed "deep regret" over the actions of party guests.

Talks under way on planned changes at new school academy

CONSULTATION is now under way on a planning application for new and refurbished buildings at Staffordshire University Academy.

The academy replaced Blake Valley Technology College, in Hednesford, taking over its old buildings in September.

The planning application is now the last hurdle to unlocking £9.7m of government funding for new and revamped buildings at the school. People are being urged to come forward and have their say before it is discussed by planners. Several consultation events have already been held throughout the year to keep parents and members of the community informed.

These have been organised by Staffordshire County Council, alongside Staffordshire University and the academy.

The proposed development will take up less space than the existing buildings which will allow sporting facilities to be improved. At the heart of the new three-storey building will be a Learning Zone.

It will also have music, drama, art and science facilities, a BMX track, fitness room and a new four-court sports hall. A parent vehicle drop off area will also be created on site to relieve traffic.

County councillor Liz Staples, cabinet member for education, said: "We have already shared the draft designs with the local community and have listened to comments.

"As a result we are submitting two highways proposals as part of the application. The planning committee will make a decision about the application and the public will play a major part in their decision."

Improved

She added: "This investment will benefit the whole community with improved sports facilities, job opportunities through the construction phase as well as providing students with the best possible environment to learn in.

Consultation will run until January 22 before the application is considered by planning committee in March. To view the application, visit **www.staffordshire.gov.uk/planning**

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A recent competition gold medal saw Jamie, of Wolverhampton Road, Penkridge, crowned best in the 30kg weight category for his age group.

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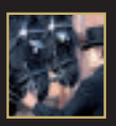

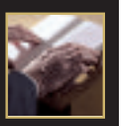

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Application Number: CH.11/08

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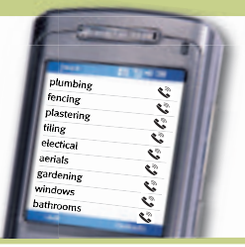

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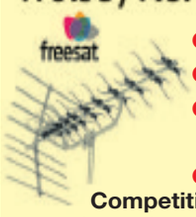

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Stuart Stanley and Martin Bradley gave Athletico a 2-0 lead but despite a second half onslaught they held out.

Dan Stevens' treble inspired AFC Globe to an 8-1 rout over Church Hill. Kieran Thompson also bagged two. White Lion needed extra time to knock out Green Heath 4-3 to reach the semi final.

Scott Francis wiped the smile of Jolly Collier's faces as his brace helped Winding Wheel claim a 2-1 win in the Division Four Cup quarter final.

Adam Green was red hot – scoring six – as White Hart thrashed Green Rock Rovers 12-0. Jay Little got two and Luke Woodward, Arron Stubbs, Gavin Mellor and Dan Kilinski added one each.

Lamb and Flag needed extra time to reach the semi as they eventually beat Cannock Social 4-1 thanks to Eddie Instone's hat-trick and one from Ashley Dodd.

Victoria Athletic knocked out Cheslyn Hay out of the Division Two Cup quarter final 3-2. Mark Wright's double and Chad Weaver put the Vic three up at half time. Legion beat Mary Rose 2-0.

Cheslyn Hay Athletic's late show expelled CK Academy out of the Division Three Cup quarter final 4-2 after Adam Edwards' last minute winner. Kevin Cartwright (two) and Shaun Pearce had struck earlier.

AFC Littleton, bottom and facing relegation, are into the semi final after winning their battle with Trafalgar 4-1.

John Allen netted twice and Andy Nickson and John Smith added one each to pull off a shock win.

Lea Hall knocked out Royal Oak 4-2.

New Inns twice came from behind to beat Louis Auto's 5-2 in Division Three. Mark Fowler and Josh Warner bagged two goals with one for Luke Thomas. Leaders Bridge went four points clear after beating Celtic Barns 4-0.

Cannock and Rugeley regained top spot in Division Four by conquering Castle 2-1.

Rugeley Rangers climb out of the relegation zone with a 2-0 win over Tackeroo thanks to a double from Mick Dailey.

Davies puts out Dragons' fire

Chase Athletic U-13 Juniors 5
Huntington Harriers 1

REIGNING champions Chase are handily placed to retain their crown as they sit top of the table.

This latest win came courtesy of goals from man of the match Kieran Lomas, Connor Haddaway, Connell Jevons, Joe Hartshorne and Josh Davies.

AFC Red Star 3 Chase Athletic U-14 3

Josh Wilding and Curtis Shipp combined to give Chase an unlikely share of the spoils. The hosts led 3-0 after a quarter of an hour before skipper Wilding's free-kick gave Chase a lifeline.

Junior round-up

Shipp pulled another one back before setting up Wilding for the equaliser.

Burntwood Dragons Greens U-12 1
Hawkins Sports Juniors 7

Hawkins notched up another convincing win with Ryan Davies firing a hat-trick.

A goalkeeping fumble saw Scott Harris net the first before Charlie Knobbs found the net.

An early second half goal from Will Morris came before winger Davies sealed Dragons' fate. Another goal from Knobbs took the tally to seven although Dragons rallied in the final minutes to get on the scoresheet.

Rugeley Rangers Girls U-15 2 Wyrley 1

Rangers played their last game of 2011 with a victory over Wyrley that wasn't as close as the scoreline suggests.

The visitors keeper was in outstanding form as she almost single-handedly kept Rugeley at bay with some superb stops.

Somehow it remained scoreless at half time but Molly Gardner broke the deadlock and Alana Hodges doubled the lead before Wyrley pulled a goal back. Player of the match was Meg Farnall.

Birch heads Scholars to victory with brace

CHASETOWN head into the Christmas break in good spirits following a 4-1 victory over Burscough at a damp Scholars Ground.

By Dave Goddard

The hosts' first attack of the game in the seventh minute saw them take the lead when a corner from the left by Dave Bridgewater found Gary Birch in space and he had little trouble in heading past keeper Connor Roberts.

The Linnets lost Will Jones to a knee injury after 20 minutes as the pace slowed slightly from the frantic early exchanges. Substitute Luke Powell then headed goalwards under pressure from Chris Slater on 29 minutes but Ryan Price was able to gather.

Paul Williams saw a shot blocked by Price at point-blank range before Mark Beesley sent the rebound over the crossbar.

Birch rose to head home his – and his side's second goal in the 53rd minute, meeting Jimmy Turner's free-kick from the left.

On 59 minutes the ball was headed down to Darren Brookfield on the edge of the area but his low shot went inches wide, while the next effort from the visitors saw Beesley force Price into a diving save with Powell skewing the rebound wide.

Price was called into action again on 69 minutes when he plucked a long ball from Joe Comozzi from under his crossbar as the Linnets looked stronger all the time.

On 73 minutes Birch had a chance for his hat-trick but blew it with a tamely-struck shot that bobbled wide.

Chasetown had their third seconds later, though, when Dean Perrow found a gap in the defence down the right and took the ball round Roberts.

Things went from bad to worse for Burscough when Williams was shown a red card after a confrontation with Birch. The visitors did manage to pull one back with nine minutes to go when Powell outpaced Jack Farmer with a good solo run and fired beyond Price into the far corner.

Perrow again teamed up with Smith in the closing minutes and the pair forced Roberts into a cracking save with Phil Quirk blocking another effort. With two minutes to go they were successful when a Perrow shot was blocked by Roberts and Smith was on hand to net the rebound.

Chasetown: Price, Farmer, M Branch, Slater, J Turner, Bridgewater, Hands, Stride (Downes 84), Birch (Westwood 77), Perrow, Wright (Smith 72). **Subs not used:** Edwards, Birt (gk).

Burscough: Connor Roberts, Comozzi, Whitcombe (Quirk 79), Murphy, Barnett, Brookfield, Conor Roberts, Williams, Beesley, Jones (Powell 20), C Turner (Gornell 60). **Subs not used:** Burey, Ellison (gk).

Referee: Mr A Barney.

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At half-time, Chasetown chief executive Mike Joiner presented a Christmas donation of £1,200 to Chasetown's nominated charity, the Grenadier Guards Colonel's Fund.

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Chasetown striker Gary Birch heads home the opening goal. *Picture: Dave Birt*

Pike potential still untapped

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AS the year draws to a close, it is perhaps time to reflect on some of the notable catches of the past few months.

Blackfords AC waters certainly fished well this year with a fantastic 28 and a half lb common carp from Leacroft Pool, multiple catches from Calf Heath reservoir and a 30lb-plus carp from Kingswood.

In addition, there are bream nudging double figures and perch over 3lbs, and the pike potential in both Leacroft and Kingswood is relatively untapped.

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The fly anglers had a reasonable year, Blithfield and Carsington both fished well considering both venues suffered from low water levels. The small trout waters are always hard going once the water warms up but the last month or so have seen them really pick up. A happy Christmas and tight lines for 2012.

Greens keep battling but it's all in vain

AFTER an encouraging display at Worcester last weekend, Lichfield came face to face with runaway leaders Sutton Coldfield in the festive fixture at Cooke Fields.

Derrick Squire returned in the second row, there were starts for Clark, Maxwell-Keys and Jones behind the scrum and George Cotterhill was back on the bench.

The hosts started the game in terrific fashion, attacking with pace from all areas of the pitch and fronting up physically to their opponents. The Greens were definitely the better side across the first 40, but fell behind to the only score of the half, as Nathan Burchell crossed out wide on the right.

Richard Burton and Paul Finnemore were breaking the gain line at will in centre field, while Charlie Milner deserves credit for a tireless first half performance.

Lichfield came out firing in the second half and quickly earned the try they had deserved all afternoon.

Burton broke through the middle and fed Greg Massey who raced away to score under the posts, with brother Josh converting.

The league leaders were stunned into action. The biggest regret for Lichfield must be the speed at which they relinquished their hard earned 7-5 lead.

Sutton are a good side and jumped on a brief lapse in Lichfield concentration, with a devastating three-try burst in eight minutes.

Fly-half Daniel Poulton also stepped up for a simple penalty chance and in the blink of an eye, Lichfield were 25-7 behind.

But a determined Lichfield team refused to lie down and throw everything at their opponents.

Josh Massey made a sharp break up the left touchline, and Paul Maxwell Keys capped an assured display at 10 with a powerful run late on.

Unfortunately, finished proceedings with a fifth try, which came largely against the run of play.

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Rugeley's second team hit back after defeat at Brinsford to beat Aldridge and keep the eight-point gap at the top of the merit league.

Rugeley started strongly and were determined to run the ball against the strong but pedestrian Aldridge defence.

Ashley Rowley-Johnson picked up at the back of the scrum and sent Rugeley into a seven-point lead after Daniel Leone had added the extras.

Aldridge used their heavy pack to maul their way up the field and score in the corner to bring the scores back to 7-5. Rugeley were not restrained for long and Daniel Leone used his pace on the wing to break free and open up a nine-point lead.

Rugby round-up

Rugeleyadded a further try through Scott Reed before Aldridge hit back to make the score a 19-10 at half time.

Rowley-Johnson, who has recently returned from a six-month tour of Afghanistan, showed the determination you would expect from a serving soldier to enjoy a second half hat-trick of tries.

Leone also added to his tally before a superb interplay between him, Matthew Connell and Matt Reynolds fed stand-in scrum half Jordan Wood to score under the posts for a 55-19 victory.

Rugeley's first team league misery continued with a 48-3 defeat to Bloxwich. The new under 12 team clocked up a second victory with try scorers including Dylan Cox.

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A narrow 10-3 defeat to Tamworth has left Burntwood firmly in the bottom two at the halfway point of the league season. Even the losing bonus point counted for little with all the other sides bar Shrewsbury picking up at least one league point on the day.

There was little for the spectators to get excited about in a penalty-strewn contest played in deteriorating weather but Tamworth earned the win with two second half tries.

The Burntwood scrum looked in good order but it lost prop Dave Peplow with a shoulder injury with just 13 minutes gone. Craig Prosser replaced him.

In the second half they lost influential skipper Graham Shelley with a back injury. Ollie Whitehouse replaced him.

Burnntwood's Ben Holt opened the scoring with a well-struck penalty goal from 30 metres after Tamworth conceded a penalty and then an ectra 10 metres.

This proved to be the only score of the half with little rugby of note by either side.

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Defeat in year's final tie

CANNOCK Badgers A lost their first hockey game of the season 1-0 against a stronger Yardley side.

Despite the defeat, the first half of the season has been a huge success for coach Rob Davies and his players.

They will look to continue their good form into 2012.

At a cold and wet Chase Park, Cannock Badgers B took on Finchfield Badgers in the last game before the Christmas break but came out the wrong side of a 1-0 loss.

The game started with a heavy shower of sleet and rain, making the pitch fast and slippery and difficult for both teams to control the ball. Opening exchanges were evenly balanced with Cannock breaking well on the counter attack.

Finchfield started to press, gaining the upper hand and creating a number of half chances.

The Cannock defence of Ollie Callow, Tom Beach, Matt Burton and Callum Warren held firm and there was no score at the break.

The second half started with another downpour that sapped the Cannock spirit.

Finchfield took an early advantage to score and soon added two more goals.

But the young Cannock side showed tremendous spirit to battle their way back, with Joe Norwood, Lewis Michael, Charlie Walker and Rob Massey having chances.

The pressure forced a sequence of four short corners but Cannock were unable to capitalise on them.

A cup draw for Danny

CHASETOWN forward Danny Smith has been chosen to make the draw for the fourth round of the FA Cup with Budweiser live on ITV from Wembley Stadium on Sunday, January 8.

He famously scored the 88th-minute winning goal to knock out Port Vale in the historic second round replay at the Scholars Ground in December 2007.

This set up a home tie the next month with Championship side Cardiff City in the third round – still the record difference between League and non-League clubs in an FA Cup tie.

The then Bluebirds' manager Dave Jones will join Danny to make the draw.

It will be screened live at the conclusion of the day's FA Cup Third Round action.

Cannock Under-18s celebrate their Midland Indoor title

Cannock retain Midland title

CANNOCK Under-18s retained their Midlands Indoor hockey title with a dramatic 5-4 victory over Beeston in the final.

The Hatherton side showed great resolve to play just 10 minutes after their semi-final and overturn a 3-1 half-time deficit.

They also overcame having to play a spell with just five men after Ed Fleet picked up a yellow card.

But the squad of Jack Hitchens, Jordan Bosi, Jack Childs, Chris Darnely, Arjan Drayton-Chana, Fleet, Matt Jarocki, Jack Middleton, Tom Morris, James Pratt, Matt Sanders and George Southall clawed their way back into the game and grabbed a winner with just 30 seconds left.

Earlier in the competition, Cannock had opened with a 6-1 success over Sutton Coldfield despite an indifferent display.

A 7-1 victory against Bromsgrovians and a 9-0 thumping of Bridgnorth meant Cannock were already through before they completed the group stage with a 6-1 win against Leek.

A goal in each half then saw Cannock defeat Belper 2-0 in the semi-final and set up the meeting with Beeston.

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Lichfield Brock Badgers earned a 2-2 draw against a very strong Worcester side.

Worcester took an early lead but after half time Lichfield were getting back into the game when they conceded again.

However, Oliver Mason pulled one back with a super reverse stick shot before Matt Fryer finished off a terrific move to level.

Battling Hylton is praised

VINCENT VAN DER VOORT hailed Mark Hylton's quality after he floored the Rugeley ace in the first round of the World Darts Championship.

The Dutchman edged out 'Mile High' in a five set-thriller after Hylton twice fought back at the Alexandra Palace in London last Saturday.

Van der Voort insisted the crowd were a major factor in his win but admitted he was pushed all the way by the Rugeley star.

"The crowd were so supportive towards me and that was a major factor in me coming on top against Mark, who is a quality player," added van der Voort, who hit 11 180s in the match.

"I've been struggling in the last few events, but the crowd lifted me and I produced some good darts."

Van der Voort took the first and third sets 3-1 – with Hylton winning the second and the fourth 3-2 – but the Dutchman won a one-sided final set 3-0.

Hylton's best game came in the fourth set when he forced a decider with a superb two-dart 72 finish after van der Voort hit a maximum in the final leg.

After hitting back twice Hylton stumbled in the decider as van der Voort hit a 12-dart finish followed by double eight to establish a 2-0 lead.

The third leg also fell to the Dutchman – who made the last 16 a year ago – as he hit double top at the first time of asking to seal a place in the second round.

INJURY RULES OUT REUNION FOR HAY

STRIKER Gary Hay is poised to miss out on a Boxing Day reunion with his former club when Hednesford host local rivals Chasetown.

Hay is almost certainly out with a groin injury picked up in the 1-0 Evo-Stik Northern Premier League defeat at Worksop last Saturday. But boss Rob Smith will be boosted by the return of strike duo Marvin Robinson and Nick Wellecomme for the Keys Park clash.

"Gary has done great for us since signing but I'll be very surprised if he makes Chasetown or even the Stafford Rangers game on January 2," said Smith.

"We have players returning from suspension though and Kyle Haynes has recovered from illness so I have full confidence in the squad we have assembled here.

"It shows how far we have come as a team when you see the disappointment in the players' faces when we lose a match like Worksop so we will be fired up for Chasetown."

Hay may miss out on a reunion but the Pitmen will come up against their former player and manager Chris Brindley, now in charge at the Scholars.

Smith added: "I know Chris very well and he's a good bloke. It's very much a showpiece game for the supporters around the area.

"We know some of the Chasetown players. Ben Jevons will be against his old team and so will some of their lads. As a squad we are all really looking forward to it and I love the atmosphere at local derbies."

Hednesford go into the game on the back of Tuesday's thrilling 3-2 Birmingham Senior Cup defeat to West Bromwich Albion.

A dramatic late winner from young winger Kemar Roofe secured Albion's place in the semi-finals.

The teenager clinched victory in the final minute after Hednesford had taken a 1-0 lead and fought back from 2-1 down to draw level.

Robinson gave the Pitmen a deserved lead on 29 minutes when he pounced on a rebound after Andre Landell had a shot saved by keeper Shane Lewis. Hednesford pushed for a second goal but could not find it and they found themselves 2-1 down thanks to a double-strike by Adil Nabi early in the second half.

By Timothy Abraham

The young striker equalised with an outstanding long-range half-volley on 51 minutes before putting David Oldfield's youthful Baggies side ahead with a clinical finish four minutes later.

Pressure

But the Pitmen withstood further Baggies pressure and levelled with 17 minutes to go when Albion full-back Cameron Gayle netted an own goal under pressure from Mark Danks.

Hednesford had chances to win but in the final minute Gayle's cross from the left was forced in by Roofe to clinch victory for Albion.

Defeat at in-form Worksop came courtesy of a disputed second-half penalty.

The major incident in a very competitive match came on 55 minutes when Jamie Jackson advanced into the left of the penalty area and clashed with Pitmen left-back Darren Campion. The visitors' captain looked to have pulled his leg away from the challenge and the referee did not give a penalty until his linesman flagged to signal that a foul had been committed.

The Pitmen players were vociferous in their complaints but their protests were to no avail as Mark Hudson coolly sent Dan Crane the wrong way from 12 yards.

The penalty 10 minutes into the second period meant the Pitmen had to chase the game in search of an equaliser but their usual creative hub, Chris Clements, struggled to find space in a congested midfield.

Smith's men defended well in the face of concerted pressure as Pedro Monteiro and Cheyenne Dunkley repelled regular Worksop attacks. Luke Shiels headed wide from an in-swinging corner and really should have scored before Smith and Larry Chambers introduced youngsters Lewis Suckling and Landell and midfielder Jevons in the search for an equaliser.

Worksop 'keeper Jon Worsnop magnificently saved a header from six yards to repel the visitors.

Mark Danks on the attack for Hednesford Town at Worksop. *Pictures: Colin Rogers*

Gary Hay goes up for a header during Hednesford's 1-0 defeat at Worksop

Second loss for leaders

LEADERS Cavill & Bardsley suffered only their second defeat in the Briggs Indoor Bowls League Division One with a 21-20 loss against Evans & Pritchatt.

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Edwards & Murray	7	4	3	12	8
Parsons & Parsons	7	3	4	1	6
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Preece & Statham	7	1	6	-55	2

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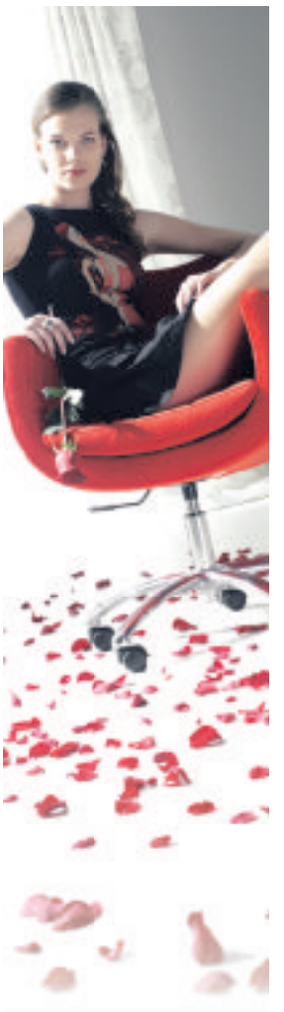

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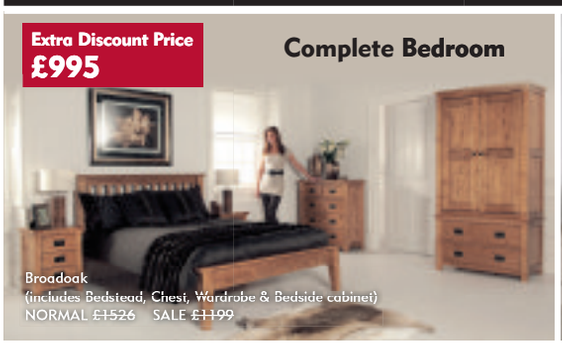

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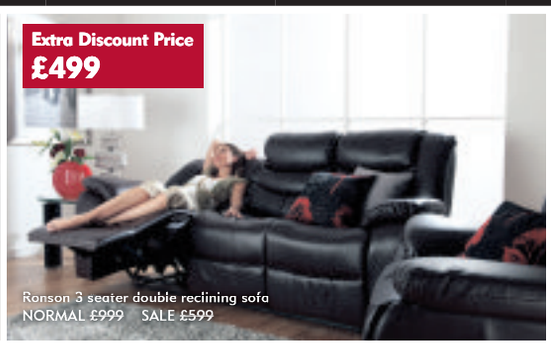

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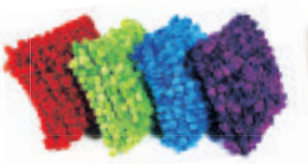

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